

PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
NORTH SHORE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the convened monthly meeting for the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees held at the district office, 117 Northfield Road, Northfield, Illinois, Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010. President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Trustee Nelson HowardPresent
Trustee Otto CesarioPresent
Trustee Carol BlusteinAbsent
Trustee John ZbeskoPresent
Trustee William Zimmer.....Present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry
Attorney Norman Rosen
Lab Supervisor Marlon Henry
Summer Ecologist Justin Harbison

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting Sept. 11, 2010, were approved with corrections. Motion made by Trustee Zbesko and seconded by Trustee Zimmer. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: None
2. Vice President: None (absent)
3. Treasurer Trustee Zbesko read financial as well as April bills and payrolls. Total receipts were \$2,678, total disbursements were \$104,437 and total reserves were \$1,411,179 (all figures rounded to nearest dollar). Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Zimmer and seconded by Trustee Howard. All ayes.

Trustee Zbesko again expressed concern over the large budget reserve being accumulated by the district, stating that it could become issue in today's tough economic times. Superintendent Berry said that the district is presently \$11,000 ahead of budget. Trustee Zimmer reminded the board that next spring the district

will need to spend \$35,000 for lot repair and can expect higher chemical costs Superintendent Berry noted the 2011 budget proposal and said the district is presently one-half million dollars behind in receipts behind from the county. He also said that the district's auditor had recommended that the district should have between one-half to a full-year's funds in reserves. Mr. Berry said he projected expenses for rest of 2010 at \$30,000 per month.

Also, insurance renewals will be coming up at end of year and the district saves on this expense if it is paid up front rather in increments. President Zimmer asked if there was any more news on when the district can expect revenue from the County's second real estate tax installment. Trustee Cesario said he has now heard that tax bills will be going out the week of Thanksgiving. If that is the case, the district won't be receiving that funding until after the first of the new year

4. Secretary: None
5. Vice Treasurer: Trustee Cesario reported that the district's Christmas party has been scheduled for Friday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m at the Via Veneto Restaurant.

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL

Attorney Rosen reminded the board that the district needs to have a tentative budget in place for November 6 meeting to then be studied before a final budget is approved at the December 4 meeting.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- The district needs to get truck with a plow before winter arrives. The district has not yet found a the right truck.
- Superintendent Berry asked the board for authority to replace truck 53 with a truck that would be fully equipped with plow.
- Trustee Zimmer moved that the board approve buying a replacement truck equipped with plow for an expense not to exceed \$30,000. Trustee Cesairo seconded. All ayes.
- Superintendent Berry reported he had looked at several companies to reseal the parking lot. Stevens Stanley blacktop sealing will do sealing for \$1500 if the receive payment up front.

- Mr. Berry said the lot will need to be completely re-done next year. The lot has settled and ponding is occurring that leaks into the garage.
- Trustee Zbesko suggested that if the complete lot must be done next year, why not wait until then and defer the minor repairs. Superintendent Berry said we could wait until spring, and then either reseal or redo depending on the cost and condition of the lot. The board agreed.
- Next year the district will receive more property/liability insurance that will cost less. In past few years competitive insurers have come on the market. Before, only one company would cover MAD operations. Under a new insurance policy now available through the district's broker, the district will now have \$18-million in liability coverage vs. the former coverage of \$6-million.
- Superintendent Berry said the date for the new coverage will begin December 1. He said the district's present policy was renewed on November 1 to avoid having no coverage for that month, so for the first year there will be slightly higher outlay than in future years -- but it still be less than what was paid before.
- Trustee Howard moved that the board accept Superintendent Berry's recommendation to acquire the new property/liability insurance that offers higher liability coverage for less expense than the district's former policy. Trustee Zbesko seconded. All ayes.
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- There have been 25 human cases of West Nile Virus in Illinois, 11 in Cook County and 5 in DuPage County where one death occurred (an 80-year-old woman).

Action Items -- None

V. LAB REPORT

- Most traps are being brought in and the task will be completed in the coming days.
- 1,256 mosquito samples have been tested and 155 pools were found to be positive.
- Justin Harbison, the district's summer ecologist presented information on the organic larvacide, Natular and the testing of it in the Evanston area. Results were mixed but sampling larvaciding was very small. Adult results, the low numbers trapped in "Natular areas" was very promising. There were exceptions so although the test was encouraging it was "not a slam dunk" Mr. Harbison Recommends taking larger sample sizes and sampling more catch basins.

The board discussed the value of sharing test information with other “testers” such as NWMAD. Clarke is testing and exchanging information with NW MAD. Lab Supervisor Henry said he knew that NW had been testing with Natular to, perhaps, a larger extent than NSMAD. Superintendent Berry said there would be a discussion of Natular testing at the IMVCA meeting in Champaign in November. The sense of board was that the district should move ahead with further and more extensive testing of Natular.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

President Zimmer briefed the full board on the results of the medical insurance sub-committee meeting held on September 25. The committee’s recommendation is to move to an employee health insurance plan that now has \$1000 deductible for initial medical costs instead of the zero deductible provided in the past. This will bring the per-employee monthly premium paid by the district down to \$650.22. This adjustment in coverage will lower the district’s monthly expense from \$33,000 down to \$15,000. Trustee Zimmer mentioned the committee’s discussion of giving employees a supplemental income increase to lessen the impact of a higher employee insurance deductible when medical is needed. Trustee Zbesko said he wanted to investigate the concept of creating a medical savings account program. Trustee Howard moved that the board accept the recommended new medical policy. Trustee Zimmer seconded. Three ayes and Trustee Zbesko abstained.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

Trustees Howard moved to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

ATTESTED
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Nelson Howard