

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, August 1, 2008, President Zimmer called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Robert Berry
Attorney Norman Rosen

(Office Manager Jennifer Zimmer was absent.)

I. MINUTES

Minutes of the regular board meeting July 12, 2008, were approved with minor corrections. Motion made to approve by Trustee Howard-- and seconded by Trustee Zimmer. All ayes.

II. REPORT FROM BOARD OFFICERS

1. President: None
2. Vice President: None
3. Treasurer: Trustee Zbesko read financials as of July 31. Total receipts were \$14,402.86 total disbursements were \$246,613.00 and total end-of-month operating funds showed a deficit of \$232,210.14 and total assets of \$636,765.48. Motion to approve financials made by Trustee Howard seconded by Trustee Blustein. All ayes.
4. Secretary: None

III. REPORT FROM LEGALCOUNSEL

Attorney Rosen reported that the district had finally received a signed agreement from Com Ed allowing NSMAD access to areas under Com Ed power lines and covering Com Ed's mowing responsibilities in these areas (to aid mosquito abatement efforts). Attorney Rosen also reported that August is the month when government agencies must report any "unclaimed property" to the state and return those unclaimed item(s). The district will report that it has none.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Action Items: None

Informational Items

Superintendent Berry reported that the district is entitled to a refund of federal unemployment taxes previously paid for 2006 and 2007. The district will apply for this refund.

By the end of next week (the week of August 2) the district will have completed a second round of larvaciding.

The summer workers who are students will soon begin returning to school. By the end of August, all student summer workers will be gone. Retirees fill a few additional summer worker slots. They will continue working until the mosquito season nears its end.

Trustee Zbesko commented that he has personally noticed a marked decrease in the mosquito population in his neighborhood.

V. LAB REPORT

Superintendent Berry reported that 400 Vectests have been conducted since the mosquito season began. So far, seven West Nile Virus positive pools have been found in the district; six were in Evanston. Several of these positive pools were determined to be close to the strength stage when the virus becomes transmissible.

There have been forty-two positives found so far in Cook County. Nine Illinois counties have reported finding positives. So far, no human cases of the virus have been reported in Illinois. Superintendent Berry said the emergence of West Nile Virus positives in the district have occurred about one week later than the dates when they appeared in 2007.

Adulticiding is scheduled for all of Evanston over two nights in the coming week (the week of August 2). The district is making every effort to contact residents on the prior notification list.

Trustee Zbesko asked about budgeting of insecticides for this season. Superintendent Berry said that the district is now over-budget and will most likely be over-budget at the end of the year. Because of the exceptional amount of rainfall and flooding earlier in the season, the district has had to buy more chemicals than anticipated to combat a larger population of floodwater mosquitoes. Superintendent Berry said that because the annual mosquito problem is governed by weather conditions each year, “there is never a ‘normal year’” that can be used as a planning standard.”

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Superintendent Berry reported that the ecologist position is still open. He has learned of one young man who might be interested in the position. Superintendent Berry will contact him. Trustee Blustein suggested. if the district believes that the ecologist job is an important position to fill, the salary presently being offered should be reviewed.

Trustee Zimmer suggested that the board try to set a date in September for a discussion of employee benefits. The board agreed to set Saturday, September 20 as the tentative date for a meeting with Saturday, September 27 as an alternate date.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

Trustee Blustein moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Zimmer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

ATTESTED
President, William Zimmer

SUBMITTED
Secretary, Nelson Howard