## Teton County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes February 18, 2009

<u>Call to order.</u> Dan Burr, called to order the above referenced meeting at 6:05pm on February18, 2009 at the Emergency Services Building in Driggs, Idaho.

<u>Attendees.</u> The following persons were present some or all of the time: Greg Adams, Dan Burr, Summer Winger, Jack Liebenthal, Angela Booker, and Representative(s) of Vector Disease Control, Inc (VDCI) and Clarke Mosquito Control (Clarke).

**Review and Approval of Minutes.** Jack Liebenthal made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2009 meeting with the following changes: add Greg Adams and Reid Rogers to Attendees, spelling changes to the words group and reasons. Dan Burr seconded the motion. All voted in favor to accept the minutes.

<u>Discussion of Financial Request for Proposal (RPF)</u>. Reference email from Kathy Spitzer, Teton County's Attorney. Guidance initially indicated the Board could borrow money to operate in the year 2009 whereas recent information was to the contrary. Reference letter from Wells Fargo indicating a willingness to loan money with certain requirements met by Teton County. Members expressed both concern and confusion regarding the ability to operate this year without a tax anticipation loan.

Delivery, Opening and Discussion of Sealed Proposals. Greg Adams confirmed a total of three proposals were received prior to stated deadline. The proposals were delivered unopened to the EMS building by the Teton County Sheriff's Office. Dan Burr randomly selected a proposal to open and VDCI's proposal was first, Teton County's proposal second and Clarke's was the last opened. Attendees posed a number of questions to each representative regarding the submitted proposals: presence of a local office, how public would be involved & informed, if biological controls were used, insurance coverage, specific chemical control, how many hours per week, and source reduction opportunities. Representative from Clarke inquired about other proposal amounts. Jack Liebenthal listed the stated proposals for 2009/2010 as follows: Clarke \$164,554/\$171,136; VDCI \$232,500/\$239,475; and Teton County \$168,760/\$161,260. The Representatives were made aware that funding is clearly in question and informed each that a decision will likely be delayed. There were no other questions and VCDI and Clarke Representatives left.

**Funding.** The Board has received conflicting advice regarding the ability to obtain a tax anticipation loan. Kathy Spitzer stated the Idaho Constitution allows it and she has a meeting scheduled with Wells Fargo, a local bank, February 19<sup>th</sup> regarding another matter. Jack Liebenthal will call her to ask her to discuss this Board's needs also. Jack will also call Jim Wrigley with Wells Fargo regarding his interest in providing a loan. The Idaho Association of Counties has advised Sean Moulton that a tax anticipation loan cannot be obtained prior to the anticipated funds being levied. This Board could approach the Teton County Commissioners for a loan to provide mosquito abatement in 2009, but the current budget shortfall would most likely prevent approval.

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There are two resolutions the attendees would like presented to Teton County Commissioners on their next meeting of March 12, 2009. The first resolution is to seek a Tax Anticipation Loan and the 2<sup>nd</sup> to seek a loan from Teton County Commissioners. Summer Winger made a motion to accept the resolutions and Angela Booker seconded the motion. All voted in favor and signed both resolutions. It was decided, after discussion, that Jack Liebenthal would prepare a brief presentation for the Commissioners that includes the letter from Wells Fargo. Jack Liebenthal and Summer Winger will plan on attending as Dan Burr and Angela Booker will be working and most likely unable to do so.

<u>Adjournment of Meeting.</u> Angela Booker motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jack Liebenthal seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting ended at 8:35pm.