

Teton County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2010

Call to order. Dan Burr called to order the above referenced meeting at 6:40 pm at the Teton County Courthouse in Driggs, Idaho.

Attendees. Greg Adams, Dan Burr, Angela Booker and Jack Liebenthal, with Abigail and Susan representing VDCI, were present.

Review and Approval of Minutes. Liebenthal made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Booker seconded and all voted in favor.

Budget Status. Adams stated about \$244,000 of an anticipated \$293,000 has been collected. Tax collection rates are lower than anticipated and assessed property values are expected to decrease by 8%.

Adams has a meeting with the Teton County Commissioners the following Monday about the budget. The budget approved at the May 12, 2010 meeting may need to be reduced to \$373k. According to information received by Adams, if TCMAD does not spend the entire budgeted amount, we may carry forward the balance.

Public Awareness: Burr spoke with VDCI about public awareness. The contractor's plan is to visit the municipalities and civic organizations rather than public meetings due to the very low turnout last year. VDCI also uses service requests, response goal is 100%, as an opportunity to educate the public. The phone number for service requests is 354-1655. Abigail relayed an experience where a property owner was so pleased with the service that an offer for donation was made. Adams will check into the legalities involved with accepting donations.

Contractor Activity: Report covering activity between May 1 and June 4th was presented. It was noted the amount of rain and runoff has changed since June 4th. 79 sites were inspected and 11 had mosquito larvae. No larvae in fire ponds have been found yet. May 2010 is both the wettest and coldest month on record. It is expected the mosquito season will begin in earnest shortly due to the standing water. The airplanes are ready as well as a backpack, truck and 4-wheeler for treatment. It was requested the reports be made available on the website.

Other Business: Adams discussed the Board Member training that was offered in April and packets of information were provided to the members present. Two areas of focus were suggested: look at unintended consequences and to perhaps assign one member to be the 'devil's advocate'. This will be further discussed at another meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting. Liebenthal motioned to adjourn the meeting and Booker seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.