

Teton County Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees Minutes of October 12, 2011 Meeting

<u>Call to order</u> Dan Burr called the meeting to order at 18:36 hours at the Old Teton County Courthouse 89 N. Main, Driggs, ID.

Attendees Dan Burr, Jack Liebenthal, Sean Moulton, and Greg Adams No public was present.

<u>Claims review</u> Claims were reviewed and approved on Jack's motion, seconded by Sean. It was decided that claims would not be detailed in the minutes but attached in the records.

End of season report The final report for the season was reviewed. The July August culex and aedes vexans surge and highly variable trap numbers were noted. No disease carrying mosquitoes were found. General satisfaction with the control under difficult conditions was the consensus.

<u>Oversight of district</u> The oversight strategy was discussed. Rather than hire outside oversight, it was the consensus that training, education, and professional development within the district would be the most effective strategy.

<u>Training options</u> Professional development by attendance at state and national meetings was approved: Greg to attend the Idaho Mosquito and Vector Control Association workshop in Sun Valley November 2&3, and Greg, and Dan at his discretion, to attend the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) meeting February 26 to March 1 in Austin Texas. Attendees were asked to provide the Board a trip report. Membership in the AMCA was approved, which reduces the registration fee.

Financial planning

The following points were discussed and decided to represent matters for further discussion.

Financial

- 1. Project 4 years' costs to plan ahead and estimate needed levy.
 - 2. Levy only what is necessary.
 - 3. Build up contingency fund of 100k\$ for, e.g., unforeseen disease outbreaks
 - 4. Reserve enough carryover money to finance October December.
 - 5. Minimize co-mingling of expenses with other County functions.
 - 6. Pay for Director's active oversight and professional development.
 - 7. Stay out of agricultural pest control.

Performance

How do we ensure that we are doing the best for our citizens?

How will we verify that the program is having the smallest health effect?

How will we verify the contractor's effectiveness and completion of tasks?

How will we document the success of the program?

How can we assure that our program is the best it can be?

Next meeting Spring. Date to be determined.

Other business None

There being no other business, Jack moved and Sean seconded for adjournment, which passed at 19:52.