

Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2008, in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from thirteen municipalities and the county unincorporated area were present:

Dave Wood, Amalga
Ed Rigby, Wellsville
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated
Elaine Nelson, North Logan
Mike Carlson, Mendon
Leslie Erickson, Richmond
Robert Mather, Smithfield

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston
Scott Larsen, Nibley *arr. 7:05*
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park
Perry Spackman, Trenton
Deon Johnson, Providence
Richard Rigby, Newton
Karen Blotter, Millville

Excused: Tom LaBau, Hyrum. Absent: Boyd Pugmire, Clarkston; Nick Murphy, Cornish.

Also in attendance were Grant Koford and Chris Nelson, BRHD (Bear River Health District).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Perry Spackman at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 23, 2008, meeting were reviewed.

Elaine moved, and Deon seconded, that the minutes be approved. Motion passed unanimously with Richard, Karen, Leslie, and Robert abstaining.

COURTESY NO-SPRAY POLICY

The revised courtesy no-spray policy was discussed. Elaine moved, and Darwin seconded, that the policy be approved. Discussion ensued on removing the requirement/request that the UDAF (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food) registration for organic farmers and beekeepers. Chris said that UDAF strongly encourages registration with their agency to help track bee colonies, especially when investigating disease outbreaks or possible pesticide poisonings. If the bees are not registered, it is more difficult to trace the history of the colony. Jeff said he has the same concerns with organic farmers as with beekeepers: many do not register with UDAF, especially those with very few acres in production. Scott said that paragraph three deals with these; if disease is present, the no-spray zones may be reduced or eliminated regardless of whether they are registered with UDAF.

Darwin asked what would be done with no spray requests submitted after April 15. Perry said that they would be considered on a case-by-case basis. Deon wanted to know how close the fogger can come to the bees; Chris said that 300 ft is considered a safe distance from hives.

Motion passed unanimously.

2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

The officers (Perry, Darwin, Scott, and Ed) met October 29 to work on the proposed budget for 2009. The base will be Option 2 from BRHD. They had questions about the figures used by Grant, and so contacted him for clarification. From his response, they then developed a proposed budget that, while including an 11% increase in funds from 2008 was about \$32,000 less than that proposed by BRHD for the same level of service. No provisions for matching funds for a UDAF grant were included because of the drastic cut in grant funds for next year.

Income	
Property tax income (estimate)	\$203,000
Miscellaneous income (estimate)	30,000
Total Income	\$233,000
Expense	
BRHD contract	\$187,000
Wages	3,000
Trustee compensation	3,000
Officer per diem	500
Office supplies	1,000
Accountant	1,200
Premiums (insurance, bonding)	5,000
Dues	700
Legal notices	400
Travel & training	1,500
Website/Education	300
Total Expenses	\$203,600
Transfer to Contingency Fund/Capital Improvements	\$29,400

Grant and Chris were asked what would be cut with this reduced amount; fogging would be the first to go. Larvaciding would remain the same. Ed asked how many hours fogging would \$23,000 reduce? Grant and Chris don't know for sure. The contract is for 1600 hours, and it includes time spent fogging plus driving to and from the zones, maintenance, calibration of the foggers, filling the tanks, etc. Robert said that BRHD has the expertise; give them the amount we can afford and let them run the program. Ed asked what CMAD would do if BRHD comes back and says with the reduction they can only fog in July? Chris said it was more likely that the benches wouldn't be treated; instead, they'd concentrate on the high count areas. Scott said that bottom line, we can only work with the funds we have. Given that no one wants to do a tax rate increase, this is what we have.

Elaine moved, and Robert seconded, that the proposed budget for FY2009 be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

The following bills were presented; Perry moved to pay the bills and Darwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$ 387.50
T-Mobile	34.42
Petty cash replenish	67.15

ADJOURNMENT

Everyone was reminded that the next meeting is Tuesday, December 9.

Robert moved, and Perry seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Signed: /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga, clerk 12/09/08