

## **Cache Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees**

The Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2009, in the Bear River Environmental Health Department conference room (85 E 1800 N, North Logan). Representatives from 12 municipalities and the county unincorporated area were present:

Darwin Pitcher, Lewiston  
Shane Lewis, Richmond  
Elaine Nelson, North Logan *arr. 7:05*  
Robert Mather, Smithfield  
Tom LaBau, Hyrum  
Ed Rigby, Wellsville  
Perry Spackman, Trenton

Deon Johnson, Providence  
Scott Larsen, Nibley *arr. 7:11*  
Karen Blotter, Millville  
Dave Gatherum, Hyde Park  
Mike Carlson, Mendon *arr. 7:06*  
Jeff Ricks, unincorporated

Excused: Richard Rigby, Newton. Absent: Dave Wood, Amalga; Boyd Pugmire, Clarkston; Nick Murphy, Cornish. Also in attendance was Chris Nelson, BRHD (Bear River Health Department).

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Perry Spackman at 7:01 pm.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting were reviewed.

Tom moved, and Karen seconded, that the minutes be approved; motion passed unanimously with Perry, Ed, Dave G., and Jeff abstaining.

Elaine and Mike arrived.

### **BRHD REPORT**

Chris distributed a report showing the time spent and chemical quantities used for abatement. He reported that mosquito counts are actually lower than last year (traps are in the same areas as before). More larvaciding is occurring this year, which could help account for some of the decrease. Extra fogging was done in the communities with holiday celebrations; DEET wipes were also provided to Lewiston for their activities.

There was a close call when one of the ATV's started to tip as it was being run into the bed of a pickup. The hopper caught, though, and kept it from falling off the ramps. So, all the foggers are now moved into pickup beds and the ATV's are on the trailers. This may help extend the life of the foggers since the trailers really rode rough and likely contributed to some of the equipment breakdowns this season.

The phones used in the field aren't working this year. Even though it shows that signal strength is strong, calls can't be made nor received. Chris thinks it could be due to the 'Push to talk'

option; he'll cancel that next week and see if there's any improvement. If that doesn't work, then he'd recommend we add the lines to the District's cell service.

The canal that collapsed its banks has standing water along its length; abatement is being done along it. Scott asked if Chris would include the surveillance data (mosquito counts) with his monthly reports. A third pool (Wellsville) tested positive for WNV (West Nile Virus) using our RAMP system. However, the state lab has not detected any positive pools from us. Their test, though, is not as sensitive as the RAMP test.

Terrie distributed the call log for the last month. Call volume has decreased and is mainly requests for fogging. Eve Davies, Rocky Mountain Power, called to ask if any of our ATV guys were in some habitat area near Benson. Terrie followed up with Chris, and it's possible that our ATV left the tracks she saw. Their habitat areas don't allow motorized travel; however, many are not posted as habitat and so riders are unaware. She will send a digital map for the District to use. Abatement activities are welcome in those areas.

### **CONFERENCES AND LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Terrie summarized the UASD (Utah Association for Special Districts) report on legislation affecting local districts. S.B. 26 amended *Utah Code* 52-4-203 to require that written minutes must be "available to the public within a reasonable time after the end of the meeting" and a recording must be available to the public within three business days of the meeting. The written minutes must be clearly marked as "awaiting formal approval" or some other appropriate notice that the minutes are subject to change since the Board has yet to approve them. Written minutes are also required when the Board does a site visit or traveling tour. Mike strongly recommends that the District plan to purchase a laptop. The clerk can use it to take notes during a meeting, thus allowing her to more quickly provide the unapproved written minutes now required by law.

H.B. 61 now requires that a licensed surveyor certify the boundaries involved when a District is created, or an annexation or withdrawal occurs. H.B. 23 amended *Utah Code* 59-2-924 to include collections from redemptions as ad valorem property tax revenues for calculating the certified tax rate. H.B. 67 allows one of the required quarter page newspaper advertisements required by "Truth in Taxation" to be consolidated by the County Auditor. The expense will be shared by all entities listed in the consolidated ad. Last year, legislation required that the District appoint a records officer to handle records requests; this year, H.B. 375 mandates that a person also be designated as the chief administrative officer for records appeals.

The UMAA (Utah Mosquito Abatement Association) annual conference will be October 4-6, and the UASD conference will be November 5-6. Tom is planning to attend the UMAA conference.

The District received an offer from ULGT (Utah Local Governments Trust) for a 3-year policy where the current rate would be held during that time. The District looked into other providers for the liability insurance, but ULGT offered the best rates and coverage by far.

Perry moved, and Tom seconded, that the District go with the 3-year offer. Motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Terrie presented the 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report. The District is in good financial shape, although the PTIF interest rate continues to fall.

Tom moved, and Darwin seconded, that the financial report be accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

## **BILLS**

Terrie presented the following bills. Robert moved, and Darwin seconded, that the bills be paid; motion passed unanimously.

Wages	\$202.50
T-Mobile	34.87
Trustee compensation	660.00
Officer per diem	120.00

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be August 27. Perry suggested the District hold a potluck cookout in conjunction with the meeting; all were in agreement. The meeting will be held in Trenton's park; trustees are to contact Terrie for coordinating what to bring. Invitations will be extended to Chris, Grant, and Lloyd; partners are also invited.

Mike moved, and Elaine seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted: /s/ Terrie L. Wierenga      Date: 8/27/2009