MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Minutes
February 9, 2016 7:00 PM

Clark County Mosquito Control
8115 NE. St. Johns, Bldg. P
Vancouver, WA 98662

1.0 – OPENING OF MEETING

1.1 Call to order
Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Board Secretary, Earl Fleck.

1.2 Roll call
Board members present: Chris Regan, Michael Elerath, Trudy Linson, Greg Walter, Earl Fleck, Larry Lewton.

Board members absent: Josh Karl, Wade Holbrook and Linda Dietzman

Others present: John Jacobson and Rebecca Baxter

1.3 Review / approval of minutes
Motion to approve the November 10, 2015, Board of Trustees minutes upon amendment to section 4.2 and waive the reading of the minutes was made by Trudy Linson, seconded by Larry Lewton, all approved, motion passed.

1.4 Review / approval of agenda
Motion to approve the February 9, 2016 agenda, was made by Chris Regan, seconded by Greg Walter, all approved, motion passed.

2.0 – RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/Others

2.1 Introduction of visitors – none
2.2 Citizen comments – none. Briefly discussed the number of service requests that have come in so far this winter; mostly nuisance complaints that deal with midges.

3.0 – BOARD UPDATE

3.1 City of Washougal position – there hasn’t been a whole lot of interest in position. City of Washougal was going to check in with gentleman that came with Paul in 2015, no word yet.

4.0 – BOARD CORRESPONDENCE - None
5.0 – FINANCIAL REPORT


5.2 Approval of October - December warrant register – Reviewed October – December warrant register. Upon review of past minutes, future minutes will reflect the amount being approved in the warrant register. Motion to approve the October - December 2016 warrant register in the amount of $8,253.75 by Chris Regan, seconded by Trudy Linson, all approved, motion passed.

6.0 – OPERATIONS MANAGER REPORT

6.1 Updates – Mostly working on administrative items. Contact with Clarke Mosquito Control, renewing emergency treatment contract. Once renewed will include in next meeting’s packet. Includes pricing on plane, pilot and product at per acre price. John met with Joe Laxson and Don Strick regarding Zika Virus information on the website. Everyone agreed that we will be keeping information DOH or CDC based. The vector that carries Zika Virus likes the same habitat as the vector that carries West Nile virus. John has checked in with the Mosquito Control in Oregon to see what changes they have made recently in response to the news regarding Zika Virus. Trudy Linson asked if John had hired a supervisor; John promoted Fred Barlow and Kyle Kirby since they work different schedules. John explained how the water levels affect the amount of time that Mosquito Control works. If the dam releases water in waves versus steady flow of water, the amount of mosquitoes will change.

7.0 – CONTINUING BUSINESS

8.0 – NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Ratification of 2016 per Parcel Assessment – Motion to approve the 2016 per Parcel Assessment by Chris Regan, seconded by Trudy Linson, all approved, motion passed.

8.2 2016 Capital Reserve Replacement – Reviewed updated Capital Reserve Replacement Reserve spreadsheet. John inventoried and added additional equipment information. Earl updated spreadsheet. At this time, the district would need $330,609 to fully fund the reserve and currently we have 105,100.

8.3 District Insurance Coverage – Reviewed district insurance coverage. Earl asked Michael to look over and make any recommendations if needed.

8.4 Operating Budget and Reserve Budget – When preparing budget for next year we were going to look at a technology line however that it is included in the contract with the County. If John were to order the data recording system, then we’ll need to add to the Operating and Reserve budget. A building reserve is something to consider adding in the future.

8.5 Zika Virus – Earl presented information regarding Zika Virus and the species that carry Zika or could potentially carry. Species include Aedea aegypti and
Aedes albopictus. Earl presented the latest information regarding the habitat for these species and the possibilities of the vector jumping between species. Mosquito or Vector districts best policy at this time is to review and/or increase monitoring, looking for the species that could potentially carry Zika. Unfortunately there is no test for Zika like there is for West Nile Virus. Board discussed having John look into the traps currently being used and if needed research new traps to purchase. John has already located newer traps that the district should purchase to use alongside current traps. If the virus and/or species moves into our area there could be an increase in labor due to hiring another trapper. Greg Walter motioned to allow an initial purchase of new traps and possibly additional labor, not to exceed $5,000.00, Chris Regan seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Further discussion included the possibility of drafting a letter to the Health Director describing the districts plans to increase surveillance and the possibility of public service announcements before the season starts. The board would like John to discuss pre-messaging regarding mosquito protection. John to look at the costs involved in adding another trapper and doubling the surveillance and submit to Linda for discretionary approval.

8.6 Additional information for packets – reviewed additional information sent in board packets for their binders. Information included the lease, updated Bylaws and fully executed copy of contract with the county.

Adjourn

With no further business the Board Secretary, Earl Fleck, adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]
Rebecca Baxter, Recorder
Earl Fleck, Secretary-Treasurer