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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: March 11, 2009
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, Pablo Noguera, Dean Mazzarella, Paul Mazzuchelli, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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1. The minutes of the February 11, 2009 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Telford.
2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Telford:

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| Feb. 14, 2009 | \$16,657.20 | Feb. 21, 2009 | \$16,657.20 |
| Feb. 28, 2009 | \$16,657.20 | Mar. 7, 2009 | \$15,980.40 |
3. Submitted FY08 invoices for March 11, 2009 totaling \$150,353.72 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzarella, seconded by Mr. Telford.
4. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that the field crews are out performing ditch maintenance. We will be switching over to the larval control program at the end of March or early April subject to the larval activity in area wetlands. Crews have completed jobs in Chelmsford, Hopedale, Lancaster, Natick and Ashland, and are currently working in Chelmsford, Fitchburg & Auburn. Jobs are ready to go in Hopedale, Tewksbury and Lancaster. We will have the excavator out soon in Northboro clearing some beaver dams, and it will be going to Hudson shortly after that.
5. **Old Business:** No new information has been received on the drug testing policy, it was sent by e-mail to HR in Boston on February 26, 2009. If Tim does not receive a reply within the next few days he will send a hard copy to Boston via postal mail.

Candidates for the open field technician positions are being interviewed, it is hoped to have 3 new employees on staff by the end of the month. We are currently interviewing only people with current pesticide licenses.

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The CMMCP annual report will be compiled in the next few weeks and will be printed shortly thereafter.

The Generic Environmental Impact Report (GEIR) process is underway. Meetings with the districts have been scheduled and we have sent in the information requested.

The CWA/NPDES issue was discussed next; there is an appeal in process that ends April 9, 2009. After that it is expected that other appeals may be filed which will extend that process further. SRB in Boston has been contacted regarding acquiring a NPDES permit but at this time there has been no official word whether this process will begin or not.

A CPR/AED refresher training was held on February 12, 2009 for all CMMCP employees. Tim D. did not attend so the office could remain open.

Tim has an annual meeting update: at this time, Sherborn, Sturbridge and Natick warrants do not have any articles pertaining to CMMCP, and the tentative Westford warrant also does not mention us. We will monitor this situation as we have done in years past.

Tim M. prepared an information packet on the Children's Protection Act, and it has been sent via postal mail, certified, with a return receipt. As of today we have received all but two return postcards, and Tim has been in contact with a few school IPM coordinators.

Boston has suspended all out of state travel, so Tim & Tim will not be attending the New Jersey annual meeting this year.

6. **New Business:** Tim M. has received a private grant to attend the Washington Day conference in May. He will be paid his regular salary while attending but all other expenses will be covered under the grant or out of pocket, like he was last year when he attended under an NMCA grant.

Tim & Tim attended an "Aquatic Restoration Tack Force" meeting in Waltham on March 11, 2009. Members from mosquito control and several environmental groups attended, and it is hoped this will be the start of a new collaboration between these organizations.

Letters have been sent to all no spray addresses that we cannot confirm through street listings and assessor's records, totaling about 450. A deadline of April 1 was given in the letter, and to date we have received about 75 responses.

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MDPH has sent out a correspondence regarding testing protocols, and the mosquito control districts have responded with information on the importance of this program, and the hopes that testing levels and procedures will remain the same as in 2007. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The annual review of the CMMCP SOP manual will begin soon; department heads will receive there section for comments and review, and the manual as a whole will be presented to the Commission when ready for review and a vote to accept.

The Clarke Mosquito Workshop will be at the CMMCP office on April 28, 2009 from 8am to noon. All Commissioners are invited to attend.

No correspondences were received for review.

The meeting adjourned at 11:49 PM

Approved: Richard J. Day
Richard Day, Chairman, CMMCP

Date: April 8, 2009