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CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: October 14, 2009
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: CMMCP Headquarters, 111 Otis Street, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532
Present: Richard Day, Dean Mazzaella, Pablo Noguera, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps & Tim McGlinchy

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At 11:12 AM Commission Chair Richard Day declared there is a quorum and the meeting commenced.

1. The minutes of the September 9, 2009 CMMCP Commissioner's minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzaella, seconded by Mr. Noguera.

2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously on a motion by Mr. Mazzaella, seconded by Mr. Telford:

Sept. 12, 2009	\$18,897.63	Sept. 19, 2009	\$18,714.80
Sept. 26, 2009	\$18,448.05	Oct. 3, 2009	\$18,394.92
Oct. 10, 2009	\$18,450.80		

3. Submitted FY10 invoices for October 14, 2009 totaling \$165,532.01 were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Mazzaella, seconded by Mr. Noguera.

4. **Work Schedule:** Tim M. reports that mosquito surveillance has concluded for the season. Submission to MDPH ended this week. Work crews are prepping sites ahead of the excavator and performing hand-cleaning jobs. 9 excavator jobs were done during the low-flow period which ended Sept. 30. The excavator is currently restoring a pond in Lancaster. Excavator jobs done since the last meeting were in Westboro, Hudson, Millbury and Berlin. Jobs are currently ready in Boxborough, Sherborn and Lancaster, with a few others in the works.

5. **Old Business:** Tim D. had a printout of all positive virus isolates from Mass. and the bordering New England states. The CMMCP service area has seen 3 positive isolation of both EEE and WNV. Discussion ensued about the issues with EEE in both New Hampshire and Connecticut.

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The CMMCP tire program is moving forward, Tim D. will be applying for grant money from the NMCA and possible the Northeast IPM Council. He has identified a vendor in Ayer that will take the tires for \$2.00 each, but there may be issues with statewide contracts, etc.

2009 Meeting Schedule (revised):

January 7, February 11, March 11, April 3, May 13, June 10, July 3, August 12, September 10, October 14, **November 18**, December 9

Tim is waiting in information about modifying the undercarriage of a mini-excavator to lower the ground pressure. He has experienced issues with vendors not returning phone calls – Commissioner Noguera may be able to provide some assistance there.

Tim has learned that the Board of Selectmen from the town of Charlton did not vote to put an article to join CMMCP on the Special Town Meeting warrant despite a request to do so from the Charlton Board of Health. It is not anticipated that any other towns will have article to join this fall.

Four CMMCP employees attended the trapper education program held Sept. 15, 2009 at 7:00pm and Sept. 26, 2009 from 8:00am to 5:00pm. All employees passed the test, and this education will allow us to get additional licensed trappers as part of our new beaver control program.

The NMCA has a Field Day set up on October 15, 2009 at Myles Standish State Park in Carver, MA. The CMMCP crew will attend; agenda topics are chain saw safety, equipment calibrations and demos.

Backhoe licensing and testing is set up for four CMMCP employees the week of Oct. 19, 2009. Once completed, this will give us four more employees that are licensed to operate a backhoe (license 2b).

Clarke University had a class come out for a presentation on mosquito control and demonstrations of our surveillance program on Sept. 11, 2009. They have done this for the past 5 or 6 years.

Tim and Tim sponsored a luncheon to show appreciation to the work crews for a long and hard season, a job well done, on Sept. 25, 2009.

The update to the mosquito control GEIR has been posted on the Environmental Monitor; comments are due by December 7, 2009.

6. **New Business:** The FY09 rollover is set at \$318,180.14, of which about \$150k will be used for the FY09 equipment requests. No vote was taken on the FY11 budget request from September, further discussion will be necessary, and this budget amount can be revised as needed until late winter.

The 2009 resident survey was the next agenda item. We have received 311 response from the 1,500 postcards sent out (21%). Tim D. will work on the survey report and have it for Commission review shortly.

The NMCA Annual Meeting will be in Sturbridge from December 2-4. Discussion ensued about possible Commissioner attendance; Tim will register 2 at this time.

COLA and/or merit pay was discussed next. After discussion it was decided to table this issue again until the November meeting to await the anticipated reduction in state funding the Governor will announce in a week or two.

Several correspondences were presented for review, again thanking us for our services this year.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

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

Date: 11-18-09