CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: February 14, 1991

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TIME:

12:00 Noon

PLACE: Davco Farm, Southborough, MA

Present: Frank Perrin, Stephen Henry, Jeffrey Bean, Richard Day, David Scott, Ray Davis

- 1. The minutes of the January 17, 1991 Commissioners Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote.
- 2. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

1/19/90 \$6627.87 1/26/91 \$6553.72 2/2/91 \$6617.24 1/9/91 \$6583.07

- 3. Invoices amounting to \$4,663.29 were unanimously approved.
- 4. Work Schedule: Water Mangement continuing with one machine; curtailment of budget has left us with one operator. Brushing out ahead of water management team is progressing well. We will start larval surveillance at the end of March or perhaps the beginning of April, depending on the weather.
- 5. We have the necessary approval to secure a computer system for around \$5100.00. This will allow us to program a system to eliminate many of the tedious jobs in keeping records and printing up the Annual Report. It should free up some time now being spent on this very detailed work.
- 6. Fire Alarm System: David is on top of this and says as he gets into it in more detail he thinks \$7000.00 is more in line than his first guess estimate of \$5000.00. David is keeping the Northborough Fire Chief updated. The Knox Box arrived today and will be installed shortly. David has 5 written quotations for alarm systems ranging from \$3097.00 to \$5200.00.
- 7. Westford: David met with the Selectmen and brought to their attention the notice from the Dept. of Public Health regarding possible EEE outbreak for 1991. They are waiting for a recommendation from their Board of Health as to continuation in our program.
- 8. EEE meeting of February 13 rescheduled for next week. Curt and Ken will attend as David will be on vacation. There is a very aggressive schedule of meetings on EEE one per month.

9. Frank Perrin and David to prepare a contingency program and have it in place for any EEE activity in our project. We must be ready to act.

It's the project's duty to work with local Board of Health to handle emergencies as they pertain to the public's health. EEE emergencies must be handled without delay; it's nothing to fool with. Encephalitis is a terrible disease which can be controlled by controlling mosquitoes. 1991 is the middle year of the possible three year high cycles that may occur every ten years.

- 10. New Jersey Mosquito Control meeting to be held in Atlantic city April 3, 4 and 5, 1991.
- 11. Legislation sponsored by the Mass. Audubon Society is the most obnoxious legislation ever proposed. It will extinguish the mosquito control projects with zero funding. People must support the mosquito control projects that are in existence. They are modern up-to-date operations. A letter will be written by David and/or Frank Perrin to Mr. Costa informing him of our project's position on this piece of legislation. David also says a visit to Senator Durand might help.
- 12. New Business: There is an unhappy landowner in Lancaster who felt in 1988 we undermined a corner of his building. We worked on this project at the request of the town's Highway Department. David and Ken cooled down the landowner by looking at the situation and consulting with the Highway Department and together we will install a remedy for this problem, although Lancaster voted out last year.
- 13. Next Meeting March 14, 1991.
- 14. Meeting Adjourned 2:10 P.M.

APPROVED:

Chairman C.M.M.C.P.