

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

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Date: April 14, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Conference call line, (508) 936-3638

Present: Roll call, present: Richard Day, Dean Mazzarella, Pablo Noguera, Sam Telford, Tim Deschamps and Tim McGlinchy. Not present was Commissioner Paul Mazzuchelli.

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1. Mr. Day called the meeting to order at 11:35AM by declaring after roll call we had a quorum present, and it was noted for the record the agenda was posted online on the CMMCP website on April 9, 2021 at 7:13AM. 4 CMMCP Commissioners were in attendance on the conference call line, as was CMMCP Executive Director Tim Deschamps and Director of Operations Tim McGlinchy.

2. Public comment – none

3. The minutes of March 10, 2021 CMMCP Commissioner's meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Mazzarella.

4. The following payrolls were unanimously approved by roll call vote on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Telford.

Mar. 13, 2021	\$21,624.00	Mar. 20, 2021	\$21,776.40
Mar. 27, 2021	\$21,776.40	Apr. 3, 2021	\$22,864.80
Apr. 10, 2021	\$23,560.35		

5. Submitted FY/21 invoices for April 14, 2021 totaling \$150,707.24 (including payroll) were unanimously approved by roll call vote on a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Telford.

6. **Work Schedule**: Tim M. reports that the field crews have completed water management projects and are primarily larviciding and getting ready for the aerial larvicide program. We will be working on maintaining beaver flow devices in Northboro and Grafton once the water temperatures warm up. We are also possibly installing a beaver flow device in Sturbridge. We have completed excavator projects in Natick & Leominster. We have upcoming excavator work in Billerica, Hudson, Bolton & Hopedale. Low impact work has been completed in Billerica (2), Holliston, Tewksbury (2), Dracut (2), Leominster & Hudson. New jobs will be scheduled in the fall. We have 2 employees studying for the category 47 exam, and set up OSHA 10 training for 5 employees. Since our last meeting we collected 202 tires and have a

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tire collection event in Fitchburg scheduled for April 24. There is an issue with our tire recycling vendor that will be discussed later in this meeting. Our totals for this program are 36,876 tires or 368.76 tons.

7. **Old Business:** COVID-19 prevention measures are still in place, this includes nightly cleaning Monday through Friday of all flat surfaces and touch points in the CMMCP offices, plus cleaning in the garage areas and in the truck interiors and truck beds. These COVID protocols have been approved by Boston with recommended changes. No employees have been recently confirmed with COVID-19.

Final budget numbers for FY/22 come out to \$2,794,714, a 3.25% increase. Our budget notification was sent out to member communities on February 4, 2021 per the SRMCB's budget policy. It has also been posted on the CMMCP website on the "budget information" page. No inquiries from member communities have been received to date. On a motion by Mr. Noguera, seconded by Mr. Telford it was voted unanimously to accept \$2,794,714 as our FY/22 budget amount.

A brief update on the PFAS situation was shared with the Commission.

Enhanced larval control using helicopters for *Cs. melanura* and *Cq. perturbans* has been planned for mid-May. We are targeting 538 acres of white cedar/red maple swamps, and 1,526 acres of cattails in 12-member communities. The goal is to reduce emergence of these 2 species and lower risk from EEE.

The CMMCP SOP manual has been under revision for the past few weeks, it is planned to have a final draft ready for Commission review in May or June.

8. **New Business:** Our tire recycling vendor has dropped off contract. We are currently working with the MDAR contract manager to determine if we can be granted a waiver and award a departmental contract. In the interim Tim M has reached out to other solid waste vendors on contract and we have taken delivery of a 30-yard dumpster to be able to continue this program.

Tim D met with the Lancaster Board of Health to discuss our upcoming mosquito season.

The Mosquito Control Task Force held a meeting on Apr. 5 and discussed the PFAS situation, the municipal opt-out program and the upcoming mosquito season.

Tim D has sent out RFRs to statewide vendors to determine if we can create an educational video on our program.

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Open seasonal positions are being interviewed.

2 CMMCP employees are studying for the category 47 exams, with the possibility of a third.

Tim D has been in discussion with HR about appointing an "acting" crew leader but no new information is available.

Our pre-hatch program is now operational, crews treated just over 60 acres of wetlands with Natular G30 (certified organic) in all member communities. Initial results are once again promising.

Our standard aerial program is planned for next week, weather will determine the actual application dates. 665 acres in Billerica, 775 acres in Boxborough and 500 acres in Chelmsford are targeted.

9. No correspondences were received for Commission review
10. Other business not anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance, as informational: none
11. The meeting adjourned at 11:59AM. **The next meeting date is May 12, 2021 by conference call.**

Approved: _____


Richard Day, Commission Chair, CMMCP

Date: June 13, 2021

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