

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: August 18, 1988  
TIME: 12:00 Noon  
PLACE: Davco Farm

Present: Malcolm Henry, Ray Davis, Frank Perrin, David Scott

1. Minutes of the previous meeting held July 28, 1988 were circulated. Each Commissioner received a copy and they were unanimously approved.
2. The following payrolls were approved unanimously:  
7/30: \$8,985.90      8/6: \$8,986.28      8/13: \$8,835.04
3. Invoices totaling \$5195.52 and \$269.68 were circulated with each attending member receiving a copy of same. A unanimous vote was recorded to accept them.
4. David did file an \$85,000.00 supplementary budget; three other projects have already filed with no doubt more to come.
5. Due to budget cuts, we cannot pay for overtime. Overtime has in the past been demanding during the height of the mosquito season. It is much more economical to pay licensed professionals for overtime duty than to add unlicensed and inexperienced help to control mosquitoes.
6. There are heavy mosquito populations in some areas. We are running about 25 calls per day at our headquarters. Our 18 traps pick up about 3,000 mosquitoes over a 7 night span as opposed to other projects with 200 calls a day and 5000 or more mosquitoes for one trap in one night.
7. David feels our units are doing an excellent job of control and we as Commissioners feel the same way. David and his crew are to be congratulated on the excellent control. The new insecticide has been very effective with a much less offensive odor. Tractors are doing water management jobs and performing with excellence. Summer work force had done a wonderful job and we wish them to return next year. We are presently down one full time employee.
8. David has a meeting at the Westford Board of Health at 8:15 on the 22nd of August regarding chemicals being used for control. Looks like Malathion will be the big topic for discussion. Probably the discussion will be fueled by the three year old report from Tufts University and funded by the Audubon Society. This report has 226 pages of much repetition as well as being biased and outdated.
9. Next meeting will be September 22, 1988.
10. Meeting adjourned 1:33 P.M.

APPROVED:

*Malcolm C. Henry*

Malcolm C. Henry, Chairman  
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