## CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

Date:

February 9, 1995

Time:

11:00 A.M.

Place:

CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present:

Frank Perrin, David Scott, Jeffrey Bean, Pablo Noguera, Richard Day and

Stephen Henry

1. The minutes of the January 11, 1995 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.

- 2. January invoices amounting to \$1,333.08 were unanimously approved.
- 3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

January 04, 1995	\$7,074.73
January 21, 1995	\$7,105.60
January 28, 1995	\$7,102.17
February 04, 1995	\$7,105.60

- 4. Work schedule: Some water management work was conducted in Northborough and Shrewsbury; one tractor was out in the field. Because of the recent cold weather, Project personnel spent much of their time cleaning and repairing equipment.
- 5. Report on the January 31, 1995 Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Meeting:
  - (a) The Board appointed new Commissioners to all Projects. Currently all Projects have a full compliment of Commissioners. The Board has appointed Mr. Pablo Noguera, a Jr. Civil Engineer for the Town of Billerica to be a CMMCP Commissioner (replacing Ray Davis). CMMCP personnel and Commissioners welcome him to the Project.
  - (b) The Essex County Project proposed to the Board a name change to Northeast Regional Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management Commission. They are attempting to have their name reflect their new Project philosophy. In addition to doing traditional Project type work they would like to be allowed to do "private" mosquito control and wetland management work for those currently not in their project for a fee. They are proposing to use Project equipment and personnel to conduct mosquito control work outside District boundaries.

Many Project Superintendents and Commissioners are against this proposal. <u>The CMMCP Commissioners voted NOT to support this proposal.</u> It diverts Project

personnel, equipment and funds beyond legislatively mandated boundaries. It also creates a "guns for hire" type atmosphere which is detrimental to overall project funding. Those currently not in a Project will not have an incentive to join because they can get selected projects done for less than joining a Mosquito Control Project. A name change of this nature will require changes in several other related Legislation.

The Reclamation Board moved to discuss this topic at a later meeting. Essex County personnel were advised to develop alternative project names.

- 6. Budget Update: The House #1 budget has come out showing that the CMMCP budget is the same as last year at \$593,597. Overall town assessment will be less this year as a result of additional towns joining the Project.
- 7. Old Business:

CMMCP office lease update - The current lease which expires January 1, 1995 is for \$4,000/month. A one year extension for the same rate has been obtained from the landowner.

8. New Business:

David hopes to get the Annual Reports out by next week or early the following week.

The 1995 schedule of Commission meeting dates was distributed: January 11, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14.

The American Mosquito Control Association distributed their "Policy Statements." CMMCP will review these statements and attempt to adopt them (with minor revisions) as their own. They will then be distributed to the various towns later this Spring as a public relations initiative.

The Commission put their heads together to develop a way to recognize Ray (and Penny) Davis's 20+ years of involvement in mosquito control. Several ideas were discussed and will be pursued by David.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next meeting is March 9, 1995 at CMMCP Headquarters, Northborough.

APPROVED.

Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

3-9-95 Date

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