

CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

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Date: April 13, 1995

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present: Frank Perrin, Ken Courtemanche, Jeffrey Bean, Pablo Noguera, Richard Day and Stephen Henry

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1. The minutes of the March 9, 1995 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.

2. March, 1995 invoices amounting to \$1,836.19 were unanimously approved.

3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

March 11, 1995	\$7,091.88
March 18, 1995	\$7,105.60
March 25, 1995	\$7,105.60
April 1, 1995	\$7,105.60
April 8, 1995	\$7,105.60

4. Report on the NJMCA and AMCA Meeting: The New Jersey Mosquito Control Association meeting was well attended. Topics of interest included wetland restoration, Clean Water Act and funding sources from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The American Mosquito Control Association meeting was held in Portland Oregon. It too was well attended. Topics of interest included research papers, public education, wetland restoration. No new equipment was displayed other than a new dry-ice light trap. CMMCP may be interested in purchasing one of the new traps.

5. Specifications for Dump Truck: Specifications for a new truck have been submitted to Boston-Purchasing. Bid opening is scheduled for May 3, 1995. The specifications were

prepared for the requisition of an International 4900. The old 1975 dump truck is to be traded in. The new truck is estimated to cost \$50,000 and funds have been transferred for its requisition.

6. Report on Action's Town Meeting: The Town of Action has an Article to join the CMMCP District in their annual meeting warrant. Town meeting is on April 3-5, 1995. Their Project assessment is estimated to be \$26,000. They are currently spending approximately \$7,000 annually on mosquito control.

Town meeting voted NOT to join the Project. The local conservation commission recommended against the article to join. They also voted to discontinue doing their own mosquito control work.

7. Work Schedule: CMMCP personnel noted moderate to heavy mosquito breeding. April 1, 1995 the Project began larvaciding. Water management work continues in Southboro. From there the equipment will be moved to Clinton, Boxboro, Hudson and Stow. Adulticiding will be on a request basis only.

8. Upcoming Reclamation Board Meeting: The Board is scheduled to meet on May 1, 1995 at 10:00 A.M. The main agenda item to be discussed is the Essex County Project name change.

9. Health Fairs - Natick and Stow: Health Fairs were attended in Natick and Stow on April 12, 1995 and April 29, 1995 respectively. CMMCP personnel attended bring their display board and numerous pamphlets and publications.

10. School Mosquito Program: This is a very popular program in the school systems. Letters were sent to all District school superintendents reminding them of program opportunities.

11. Press Releases: Throughout the summer months, press releases will be released the first of each month updating the public of District activities.

12. Status of Building Lease: Bid opening for CMMCP District Headquarters building was

held March 15, 1995. The current property owner was the only bidder. The bid was for a five year lease. The current lease was extended until January 1996 at the rate of \$48,000/year (refer to 2/9/95 minutes). The second years (1997) rate is \$58,050/year and, years 3-5 (1998-2000) will be at the rate of \$63,640/year. These rates are similar to when CMMCP first moved to Otis Street in the 1980's.

13. Fax Machine: CMMCP will be renting a FAX machine for a few months until the state price list is available. At that time the district will be in a position to buy one. The FAX machine will be set up on the District's second phone line (508-393-8492).
14. Wetland Restoration Grants: District personnel will be looking into requesting for a 319-Grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. A \$5,000 grant may be available for wetland restoration work.
15. Staff Update: As of April 24, 1995 a new employee (Ms. Curry) will be hired. She currently works at the Middlesex County Mosquito Control Project. CMMCP will hire at least two more temporary employees by the end of May. An additional employee may be hired if a qualified person should become available.
16. Equipment Update: Windows on the excavator have been ordered and will be installed shortly. Tracks on the dozer are down to 35% and it's idlers need to be rebuilt. The fenders on the chipper will be installed soon. A training class is to be required for all District personnel using the chipper.
17. Old Business: Personnel are looking into doing something along the lines of a dinner for the retired Ray and Penny Davis.
18. New Business: A MA Mosquito Control Commissioners meeting is to be held on April 26, 1995 at the CMMCP headquarters at 6:00 P.M.; all Commissioners are invited.

A letter of appreciation was received from Ray and Penny regarding their dedication noted in the preface of 1994 Annual Report.

There is an Town Meeting article in the Northbridge warrant to join the District. Town meeting is to be held May 2, 1995. The Article is sponsored by their Board of Health and would provide \$19,271 to the Project if they join.

Representative Travis of Rehoboth has submitted legislation requiring that Massachusetts mosquito control be 50% funded by the State and 50% funded by the cities and towns. This type of funding base existed during the earlier years of the mosquito control projects. Commissioner Bean is in favor of this type of funding base because he feels the State should be supporting Projects at some level and it would also broaden our funding allowing Projects to do more. Many of the other Commissioners are not in favor of the legislation because of the potential to lose city/town support if/when the State shifts back to all city/town funding. This loss of support was witnessed in the past.

The House budget has funded the CMMCP at \$607,843, a 2 1/2 % increase.

Chelmsford will be conducting aerial larvaciding next week. CMMCP will assist and evaluate the spraying.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Next meeting is May 10, 1995, 11:00 A.M. at CMMCP Headquarters, Northborough.

APPROVED: _____



Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

5-10-95

Date