## CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

## Minutes of the Commissioner's Meeting

Date:

August 18, 1996

Time:

11:00 A.M.

Place:

CMMCP District Headquarters, Northborough, MA

Present:

Frank Perrin, David Scott, Jeff Bean, Richard Day, Pablo Noguera

and, Stephen Henry

1. The minutes of the July 18, 1996 Commissioners meeting were unanimously approved.

- 2. July/August, 1996 invoices amounting to \$14,146.58 (FY'96 \$11,185.00, FY'97 2,961.58) were unanimously approved.
- 3. The following payrolls were unanimously approved:

July 20, 1996 \$10,354.00 July 27, 1996 \$10,354.00 August 3, 1996 \$9,736.19 August 10, 1996 \$10,354.00

4. Work Schedule: Mosquito populations are very localized. Calls for spraying are greatly reduced. Earlier in the season, calls numbered 25-30/day, now they are 10-15/day. The crews are larviciding almost every day, but everything is very dry. Rain is soaked up in the ground almost immediately, with little puddling. There are some requests for adulticiding around recreation fields and schools as they begin to open.

Water Management Work - Crews having been continuing to conduct routine water management work but have been experiencing difficulties with the tractor. The starter pump had to be repaired and they continue to have problems with the track

Billerica project - The Project has signed a release form from NEPCO for permission to conduct the water management project on their property (and adjacent lands). The release is being reviewed by NEPCO attorneys. If waivers are not approved in the near future, Project personnel will proceed to the next scheduled water management project. David will be able to start in an weeks time once the release has been approved. David anticipates this project will take approximately 2-3 weeks to complete. This project has the undertones of more than we were first led to believe as issues from local contractors and local government arise.

- 5. EE Report: During the past two weeks two of Highlands J. specimens have been collected in the Walpole area. While these species are potential carriers of EE, we don't expect much of a problem in Massachusetts because of the dry weather we have been experiencing and because this is an off cycle year.
- 6. G.E.I.R Update: The Reclamation Board is re-opening the "scope" of to be addressed in the G.E.I.R. A public hearing has been scheduled for September 5, 1996 to address this issue. The Board has sent out a questionnaire to solicit comment prior to the public hearing. David will attempt to address his/our concerns in responding to the questionnaire.
- 7. Vehicle Accident Report: Scott Hirshberg pulled off the road to turn around and hit a parked van. MVMB will handle the repair claim for the van and CMMCP will repair it's own vehicle. As this was not Scott's first accident, David sent him a letter requesting that he not drive a CMMCP vehicle for a thirty day period. The Commissioners discussed the need for an "Accident Policy." David will look into how this should be handled in the future.
- 8. Old Business: Another letter was received from Mr. Zaminsky requesting CMMCP perform additional cleanup work (refer to 7/11/96 Minutes, Item No. 6). Project personnel have been to the accident site 2-3 times to replace the broken light and post, and to vacuum (with shop vacs) any broken glass in the vicinity of the broken light fixture. The property owner is still not satisfied and is requesting personnel to further clean the area. The Project has already spent \$325.90 for repair and replacement of the lamp and post. Approximately \$500-\$700 in personnel time has been spent replacing the fixture and cleaning their yard in the vicinity of the fixture. The Commissioners feel this is adequate restitution and that further correspondence with the property owner should be directed through the Attorney General's Office.
- 9. New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Next CMMCP Commissioner's meeting is September 12, 1996.

APPROVED:

Frank Perrin, Chairman, CMMCP

9-12-96

Date