

**LFICD (virtual) Board meeting
July 8, 2020**

Draft Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:32 p.m.

Present: David Dodge, Gary Rodes, Judd Markowski, Chris Chapline, Wendy Lynch, Dinah Bain, Melissa Lourie, Craig Zondag, Olivia Olson

Move to revise the draft agenda to move up the Field Report.

2. Approve July Minutes:

The July draft minutes are approved with the addition of the minutes from the July 21 Special meeting.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$79,958.44

Cash received: \$16,544.85

Total cash for month: \$96,503.29

Total disbursements: \$16,050.56

Cash on hand: \$80,452.73

Total accounts payable: \$0.00

Total accounts receivable: \$24,475.75

Net current assets: \$104,928.48

4. Field report:

Field conditions remain dry. Some of the reed canary grass fields have been cut, which will reduce thatch, making any needed treatments easier.

Pesticide Resistance Monitoring Program: Complying with PRMP surveillance is a requirement of our Grant Agreement with the VAA. This requires collecting egg rafts of *Culex pipiens*, hatching them and rearing the larva to the point of identification and then sending 1000 live *C. pipiens* larva to Cornell Univ. (Northeast Regional Center for Excellence in Vector Borne Diseases. So far, only 3 of 80 collected egg rafts have been *C. pipiens*, yielding approximately 300 larvae.

Robbery update: Some of the items recovered from last year's robbery at the lab were made available for pick-up, including the camera, Garmin, and thumb drives. Craig is in the process of determining their condition.

5. Intern Presentations:

Ryan Pratt did not sign on to the meeting but has written an essay reflecting on his experience during his 7 weeks as an LFICD intern, which was read by Craig.

Olivia Olson gave a presentation on her experience so far and her data compilation using our adult trapping data from 2017-2020. She will continue using the data for an Independent Study project at Middlebury College to look at mosquito species and weather patterns. Olivia's advisor is David Allen, who will be a good connection with Middlebury College for future interns.

6.+ 7. Operating cost and Grant Agreement:

The reimbursement request (\$14,800) to the VAA that Dinah submitted in July for the last quarter of the last fiscal year (ending June 30) was counted against our funds for this year's Q1, for which we are only allotted \$17,500. In the past, we have been reimbursed for the last FY quarter in July. We were given no notice by the VAA that this year our reimbursement request had to be made before June 30 to count against our remaining funding from FY 2019/20. We are trying to get that reversed with the VAA business office. We have submitted an invoice for July 2020 that uses more than half of this quarter's budget, not counting the \$14,800. State Senator Chris Bray had emailed David Dodge that he has acted in our behalf so that we may have more flexibility with our FY 2020/21 budget to access more than the quarterly allotment during Q1 and Q2 (during our season), but so far we have no further details. We will postpone any bills we can (i.e. lab rent) until next quarter. VAA payments are now only for the quarter during which the bill is submitted. We have asked for clarification as to whether the expenses also must be incurred during the quarter that is billed. If not, we will bill for this quarter in the next two quarters.

8. New Weybridge Board member:

There are 2 names of people who Melissa thinks might be interested to take her place on the LFICD Board. Gary also has put some feelers out.

9. Public outreach: No new complaint messages to the hotline. Alissa continues to refresh posters advertising the hotline.

10. New business: No new business.

11. Adjourn: 6:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Sept. 1, 2020. Electronic meeting, 5:30 p.m.