

LFICD Board
Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:35

Present: David Dodge, Christine Chapline, Wendy Lynch, Judd Markowski, Gary Rodes, Alissa Shethar, Dinah Bain, Craig Zondag

2. Approve March minutes:

The March minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$98,203.67

Cash received: \$2,667.90

Total cash for month: \$100,871.57

Total disbursements: \$5,043.85

Cash on hand: 95,827.72

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net current assets: 95,827.72

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field and Lab report:

With the snow melt and rain, the Lemon Fair has been at moderate flood stage in March. However, early field surveillance has yielded modest to low amounts of larva.

The LFICD will run two Internships this summer and there are several applications thus far for each position:

1.) Field Biology Experience in Mosquito Abatement Practices (closing date for applications is April 30).

2.) A GIS and LIDAR Study of the Lemon Fair River Flood Plain-Phase I, which will be a collaboration with Middlebury College Geography Dept and co-supervised by Bill Hegman of Middlebury College. This Phase I GIS study will focus on the Lemon Fair floodplain between Rt. 125 and rt. 74. The purpose of the GIS study is to better understand how this part of the floodplain drains and what if any anomalies exist that sustain water longer that may be conducive to the promulgation of a mosquito hatch. Middlebury College is providing a \$4,000 stipend.

AMCA annual meeting: Craig attended the four days of the Virtual AMCA meeting. A main theme throughout the conference was IPM (integrated pest management, as opposed to pesticide management). Sterilization of male mosquitoes to target vector species in FL and CA was a frontline topic, as was pesticide resistance monitoring. Craig has networked with a mosquito control group in CA on drone surveillance.

5. Permit update:

JBI (helicopter service) has not completed their portion of the aerial permit application, so Patti Casey has not issued our aerial permit yet. Apparently, North Fork has completed the aerial service portion of the application.

6. Drone update: none

7. Insurance update:

The 2020 pricing for Hudson Insurance could not be matched by the company that Lew Castle (Paige and Campbell Insurance) tried to use. He is going through Euclid Insurance, which has come back with a price that is 25% higher than last year, or another \$800. Our policy ends May 27.

8. Salisbury update:

An article in Vt. Digger concerning Salisbury's rejection of the BLSGP service in their town budget was noticed by someone at NMCA public relations, who wanted to reach out to them, but sent an email to Craig instead. Craig has forwarded the email to Will at BLSGP.

9. New Board member update: none

10: New business: We need to move the next board meeting to May 11 as several board members cannot attend on May 4.

Adjourn: 6:30

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 5:30; Virtual