

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

1. Call to order: 5:30

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

2. Approve June minutes:

The June minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$81,489.58

Cash received: \$6,000.46

Total cash for month: \$87,490.04

Total Disbursements: \$14,209.13

Cash on Hand: \$73,280.13

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$16,544.40

Net current assets: \$89,824.43

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field and lab report:

Conditions are very dry with little mosquito larva. The CDC light traps are yielding much lower numbers of adult mosquitoes than in 2019. Greater than 50% of the trapped mosquitoes are *Coquillitedia perturbans*. Eliza Doncaster (VAA) reports that 47% of the VAA light trap mosquitoes are also *Cq. perturbans*, which is a cattail species and is also a vector for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

The interns have been setting and collecting the light traps, becoming familiar with the larval collection sites, identifying the trapped mosquitoes and analyzing the old data sets from 2018-2020. The equipment needed for the Cornell Pesticide Resistance Monitoring exercise has been received and egg rafts will be collected when wetter conditions make it possible.

5. New 90-day grant agreement:

Due to the expected Covid 19 impact to the State budget, the State has passed a budget for only the first quarter of the State's fiscal year. Reflecting that, the VAA has sent the LFICD a new 90-day Grant Agreement, which gives the LFICD \$17,500 of our yearly \$70,000 to be spent between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2020.

6. Operating costs; saving for aerial treatment:

The majority of our yearly costs come during the summer months, but with the new Agreement we are only funded for 1/4 of our yearly budget before Sept 30 and we will not be reimbursed in a future quarter for expenses incurred during this quarter. Our objective now is to keep expenses as low as possible for the rest of the summer. David has created a quarterly expense sheet for the board to decide how to cut hours and push reimbursable administrative expenses and mosquito identification hours to the next quarter.

Board members need to review the budget numbers, decide how much money we need to keep in reserve in case of a necessary treatment, and determine how many work hours we can afford to pay for before Sept. 30.

David would like to talk with Rep. Peter Conlon to get his perspective on how the State funding will proceed after this quarter.

The board voted unanimously to authorize David to sign the new VAA Grant Agreement.

The Board agreed to set a new meeting July 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the implications of the new quarterly reimbursements. Chris will send a Warning to the Towns.

7. Public communications:

Alissa has made a new poster to advertise the hotline; a lot of the old posters have been taken down. There have been no new hotline complaints.

8. New business

Melissa announced that she is leaving the LFICD Board so we will need a new Board member from Weybridge.

9. Adjourn 6:34

Next meeting: July 21, 2020, 5:30 (by Zoom)

Next regular meeting: August 4, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (by Zoom)

Minutes from July 21 Special Board Meeting:

No new details from Patti Casey regarding funding. LFICD is going to try to shuffle funds/expenses in such a way to keep the quarterly billing less than \$17,500

-Field assistant, Ryan had moved back to Massachusetts and is no longer an LFICD employee/intern

-LFICD will try to keep payroll square even if other expenses need to be deferred until next quarter.

-Field assistant Olivia will be on through August.

-Next meeting will be on August 4th at 5:30pm via Zoom.