

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Bridport, VT  
January 6, 2015**

**Draft Minutes**

**1. Call to order:**

Present: David Dodge, Chris Chapline, Lew Castle, Alissa Shethar

**2. Approval of December minutes:** The December, 2014 minutes are approved.

**3. Treasurer's report:**

Cash forward: \$18,144.08

Cash received: \$0.14

Total cash: \$18,144.22

Disbursements: \$1,324.58

Cash on hand: \$16,819.64

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Total current assets: \$16,819.64

Estimated expenses through April, 2015: \$5,026.00

Estimated available: \$11,793.64

**4. Update on plane sale and storage:**

The Middlebury airport has received our check for the first month's winter hangar fee, but the hangar is not open yet so the plane has not been moved into it. Hopefully the plane can be moved inside in a week or so. The plane cannot be taxied in winter weather, so the airport will have to come up with a strategy to move it into the hangar (it can be pushed if there is no snow).

We have an offer from a party in Missouri to buy the plane for \$40,000. Lew will inform the buyer that the plane is being sold "as is", with a quitclaim contract.

**5. Strategic direction:**

David will send an email to set up a meeting with State VAA in Montpelier (Leland, Schmaltz, Graham) to review the last season and our concerns on the sustainability of the LFICD. Our 3 towns are too small to be sustainable, both acreage-wise and financially. With proceeds from the sale of the plane, LFICD can be viable for 2 or 3 more years; however, long-term viability will require contributions from more towns. A countywide effort is needed, but other towns in Addison County have not shown an interest in mosquito control.

Treatment strategies needing discussion with the VAA:

The idea to use Natular for one area wide treatment during the spring is too expensive; G30 (effective for 30 days) would be \$60,000 for 1000 acres.

Craig Zondag believes that Devil's Triangle and East of Payne areas (30-40 acres) are appropriate areas for Natular.

The Google maps of the Lemon Fair treatment areas need to be annotated with acreages of each block.

Craig has figured that we have approximately 1000 treatable acres at highest flood stage.

We hope to work with BLSG to make up the acreage when we don't have the minimum required by JBI or Rebecca Air, but conditions and timing in the BLSG don't always coincide with the LFICD.

Given that we no longer will provide aerial application services, a possible role for the LFICD could be to collect the larval data and inform the VAA when larval counts meet threshold levels. We would like the VAA to be responsible for contracting out aerial larviciding when they feel that there are an appropriate number of acres. LFICD field techs could perform ground level larviciding when feasible for spot treatment of low acreage.

We also need to go over the Grant Agreement prior to a meeting with the VAA and suggest changes, especially considering that LFICD will no longer be the aerial application provider. Also, attachment A #3, "Recipient shall provide 25% of the costs of the purchase and application of larvicide as match." should be clarified to say that LFICD is responsible for 25% of the program cost.

#### **7. NMCA conference report:**

The Northeastern Mosquito Control Association conference in December, 2014 was attended by Craig Zondag and David Dodge. Alan Graham (VAA entomologist) was also there. Alan has hired a new assistant (a replacement for Nick Zadeh, who has left the VAA).

David reported that most of the meeting topics were not applicable to the LFICD; every other district is bigger than LFICD; other districts are run at their State levels. Most of the presentations were not relevant (salt water marshes, chikungunya virus, etc.) David felt that the conference was not very worthwhile for us.

#### **8. Reestablish the to-do list:**

To be done before a meeting with the VAA:

Review the Google maps made by Craig Z. and Chuck B.: figure out the acreages of each treatment area; figure out how many total acres we have to treat in the LFICD. Annotate the maps with acreages of each area and site name.

Decide what the maximum unused minimum acres the LFICD would be willing to pay for during a treatment and during the season; also ask the VAA what is the minimum # of acres that they would be willing to pay the 1000 acre minimum price for (if a treatment falls under the 1000 acre minimum set by the aerial applicators) e.g., will the State pay the full amount if there are only 800 treatable acres? What is the maximum the LFICD would be willing to pay to make up the difference in untreated minimums?

Review the Grant Agreement (from 2013, with amendments in 2014 and suggest changes.

**8. Adjourn:** 6:50

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 5:00, Cornwall Town Offices.