

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Cornwall, VT

Draft Minutes

1. Call to order: 5:05

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Chuck Burkins, Wendy Lynch, Mellissa Lourie, Alissa Shethar, Chris Chapline, Gary Rodes, Craig Zondag

2. Approve May minutes:

The May minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$44,286.28

Cash received: \$12,000

Total cash for month \$56,286.58

Total Disbursements: \$24,413.16

Cash on hand: \$31,873.42

Total Accounts payable: \$2400

Total Accounts receivable: \$67,584.56

Net current assets: \$97,067.98

Discussion:

David's phone conversation with the VAA (Patti Casey) indicates there has been a shift in funding policy. The State's carryover from previous years is no longer available and State reimbursement for the current fiscal year and next is limited to \$70,000/year.

Dinah has itemized payroll and expenses for the last 3 years to see where we are spending money. IPM work (light trap collections and mosquito identification) was the main driver of invoices to the State in 2017, not larval surveying and treatment. Payroll to the field techs for hand treatments is also not very significant.

We need to create a monthly budget for the rest of the fiscal year and the next fiscal year to determine how much we can afford to spend on IPM while keeping enough in reserve for possible treatments.

It is clear that \$140,000/year (\$70,000 for LFICD and \$70,000 for BLSGP) is not enough for the existing districts, let alone if other districts form in the State. One Helicopter treatment is \$20,000 minimum. We need to keep enough in reserve for 2 treatments (\$40,000 for the helicopter plus the cost of the larvicide and payroll). So, if we guesstimate expenses other than aerial spraying at \$50,000, we will need to have approximately \$100,000 per treatment season. We will need to make the case to our State representatives for a higher budget allocation for each district and make a case for money for IPM as well as larval surveying and treating.

4. IRS status:

3Q17 penalties were waived

4Q17 penalties were not waived, but have been paid except for possible interest.

Financial report: Dinah has not received a report from the accounting company yet.

5. Field report:

Cornwall Swamp does not meet threshold, yet the mosquito trap there yielded over 400 mosquitoes in a night. Craig points out that we need to have different thresholds for different habitats; the current threshold is not realistic for the Cornwall Swamp.

Data collection from light trap identifications this year has been more efficient and comprehensive. We have 9 permanent traps in the field; 5 of those are in the same locations as last year for comparison.

The field study using the 45-day briquettes on Bordeleau property in Bridport is completed: there was suppression of mosquito larva and very few pupae were observed over the 45 days.

The East of Payne survey site has become less accessible due to owner complaint of a car in the field to the site.

Craig found a new area to add to surveillance sites off of rt. 23, downstream of the mouth of the LF River. It is an 80-acre site swampy site that he believes is contributing to the Quaker Village mosquito problem. It could potentially be treated with the Argo. It has never been treated before.

6. Status of all permits

NPDES permit: Chris was contacted by the State NPDES coordinators (Misha Cetner, outgoing and Josh Mulhollen, new coordinator) telling us that as part of the grant conditions, treatments must be posted on our website prior to larvicide being applied (it can be immediately prior). Another condition is that we need to submit a yearly report to the ANR Watershed and Shoreland management.

Helicopter landing zones (RLAs—Restricted Landing Areas): Both Cornwall and Weybridge zoning officers say that this is out of their purview and should go directly to the Select Boards. Chris will write the letters and ask that the issue be included in the next Select Board agendas. Select Board approval needs to accompany the VAT application.

7. Grant agreement:

Our current agreement expires at the end of June. David is working on proposed changes for 2018-2019.

8. VAA Update

There will be a meeting of VAA representatives and BLSG and LFICD board members on June 15 in Brandon.

From David's calls with Pattie Casey, there is \$29,500 left in the LFICD budget to pay this year's outstanding invoices (which are about \$57,500).

9. New Business: none

10. Next meeting: July 3, 2018, Bridport Town Office, 5:00 p.m.