

LFICD Board Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2019

5:30 Call to order.

Present: David Dodge, Gary Rodes, Chuck Burkins, Wendy Lynch, Craig Zondag, Alissa Shethar

1. Treasurer's Report: Estimate that we will have \$12,000 left in unreimbursed funds by VT FY June 30. Our employees have been thrifty, and keeping costs down. Dinah is gone until June 22. Will address Meg's workman's comp issues when she returns. Meg is still not out in field. She is waiting for the ok from her doctor. She is getting compensated for time lost on the job via LFICD, not sure about Worker's Comp. Craig needs a new microscope that accommodates slides. Costs \$3,000 to \$3,500. David wants a description of what Craig has in mind to send to state to see if they will pay. A motion was made to approve purchase of Microscope and a Banner saying LFICD so that Craig can fly it when he is in the office. Also useful for Field Days booth. Cost of banner not to exceed \$500.
2. Legislative Update: \$50,000 increase in Mosquito Control Districts VAA reimbursement FY 2020 budget approved by Senate and House. Our share is \$25,000. Ben Lawton, BLSG chair has been working with the American Mosquito Control Association in D.C. trying to get Federal money for mosquito abatement.
3. Field Report: Longest sustained spring flooding on Lemon Fair River in 10 years. The river has recently gone back into its banks for the most part. Craig is finding limited larvae out in the LF floodplain. No layered hatches in the offing. Floodplain quiet. There is more mosquito activity in woodlands in isolated areas. All Craig can do now is be vigilant and look for signs of a new hatch. He has not been able to get into Maple Swamp yet. He walked the length of the WRP site and found lots of good biodiversity. Tadpoles, and other natural predators. Craig met with Patti Casey a week ago Friday. Updated her on lab. She is very happy with what we are doing. Patti and Craig discussed sidewall cutter. Patti is working on getting one. Craig thinks we could house it in a bay at the Weybridge Church shed. Lots of questions remain. Who would operate it? Insurance? Where would it live? How to market it? What farms would be early program participants. Maybe Blue Spruce Farm? How might towns obtain use of it? There is funding in Ag dept. for buying one. Cost about \$25K. Patti is

very gung ho on this. BTI Efficacy test: Got the kits. We had to modify the *Bti* Resistance to a *Bti* Efficacy Test. The Resistance Test is for *Ae. albopictus* and *Culex restuans*. *Ae. Albopictus* is not currently found in VT. *Culex restuans* is not considered a flood plain species. It's a container breeder, (ie: tires...) and we do not treat tire bunnies or containers. We set up an Efficacy Test using fourth instar *Aedes vexans* and used *Bti* granules. We proved the experiment with 100% efficacy. Another test may be designed and conducted to better represent field conditions. IPM: Craig did a house call for Jean Raymond on Ridge Road in Cornwall. She has prime breeding habitat with wetlands, woods and undergrowth. She wants to proceed with the plan to attack the problem. Chip brush piles, brush hog tall grass, etc. She is very appreciative. New product Craig is going to test...Spartan Mosquito boxes. Sold in Agway. Yeast based tube system. Craig will do a field trial and see if he can recommend this. Week of June 10 he will start light trapping.

4. Public Outreach. No calls yet on hotline. Flyers are up in Weybridge and elsewhere.
5. Landing Permits. Not done yet. FAA letter of determination to come soon! However in the event of a treatment, we are good to go. The VAA 2019 Aerial Permits are in place.
6. Insurance Update: We are going with Euclid, provider of last year's policy. We paid \$3K and signed the application, waiting for actual policy.
7. Next Meeting will be July 2 at Bridport.

Meeting Adjourned, 6:55pm.