

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District  
Bridport, VT  
March 3, 2015**

**Minutes:**

**1. Call to order: 5:30**

Present: David Dodge, Lew Castle, Dinah Bain, Chuck Burkins, Christine Chapline  
guest: Paul Kenyon (citizen from Bridport)

**2. Approve February minutes:** The February minutes are approved.

**3. Treasurer's report:**

Cash forward: \$17,065.04

Cash received: \$0.25

Total cash for month: \$17,065.29

Disbursements: \$1,619.97

Cash on hand: \$15,445.32

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Net current assets: \$15,445.32

Estimated additionally expenses through April 2015: \$4,868.00

Estimated available: \$10,577.32

The treasurer's report is approved.

**4. Update on plane sale:**

Lew has contacted Mid Continental Aircraft, which has confirmed that they still plan to buy the plane.

Storage: The State is now trying to sell the hangar rather than rent it themselves; the State has a \$200 down payment from us, but it is not likely that the plane will go into the hangar before it is sold.

At the Bridport town meeting 2/2/15–Tom Vanacore raised a concern that if LFICD sells the plane we will never get another one. Dinah Bain responded to his concerns with our position.

**5. Integrated pest management:**

Tim Schmaltz at VAA would have more flexibility with distributing funds to us if we adopt IPM practices to help justify spending the money. The State wants assurances that treatment is based on scientific protocol.

Possible IPM approaches:

Mapping of the wetlands using Google Earth (done).

River gauges (need to be placed by the State).

Rain gauges.

Doppler storm data.

Adult trapping.

Chris C. will email Alan to set up a meeting prior to the Grant Agreement meeting to discuss his wishes for implementing IPM protocols in the LFICD.

#### **6. Grant Agreement:**

The VAA has asked us to come up with a proposal for a reimbursement protocol given that we may run into unused minimum acreages using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party applicator. David Dodge has created an interactive Excel spreadsheet to look at costs under various treatment acreage scenarios to determine which of the aerial application companies would be cheaper given their minimum payment requirements.

We need to discuss with the VAA what is the smallest amount of acreage that would be appropriate to treat; working with a minimum of 200 acres and using Rebecca Air (based on Rebecca Air's 2014 proposal) the cost would be approximate to what the State would have paid the LFICD to treat at \$13.50/acre.

David D. will contact Tim Schmalz to discuss the spreadsheet and minimum acreage proposal.

Rebecca Air has better numbers under most scenarios, but there may be problems with pilots' pesticide licenses (Tim Schmalz has indicated that RA has not applied for licenses). Rebecca Air also would stage equipment for loading the plane; this would need to be done prior to the season, so a decision to use them would need to be made soon! JBI is more flexible in that they do not require a contract or equipment at the airport, but under most scenarios, they would be significantly more expensive. The information we sent Rebecca Air last year when they gave us their proposal included BLSG acreage, but we have had no response from the BLSG to coordinate with us; we do not know if Rebecca Air is interested in servicing our smaller area.

#### **7. Grant Agreement**

David Dodge has redistributed the edited version of last year's Grant Agreement with the VAA. There were no suggestions for further edits. Protocols for IPM are still to be determined and added to the agreement.

#### **8. To Do List update:**

Chuck Burkins has layered the US Fisheries Wetland Maps and the Town lines over our treatment area maps in .kmz files. For the most part, the polygons of treatment areas that Craig had created match Fisheries wetlands.

David has contacted the BLSG to try to coordinate Grant Agreement and IPM proposals, but Ben Lawton is unavailable until mid-March.

A meeting with the VAA to discuss the Grant Agreement is being organized for sometime during the week of March 23.

#### **9. Next meeting:**

Tuesday, April 7, 2015, Cornwall Town Hall.