

Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Bridport, VT

Draft Minutes

1. Call to order: 5:00

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

2. Approve April minutes

The April minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$55,133.80

Cash received: \$0.30

Total cash for month: \$55,134.10

Total disbursements: \$12,231.78

Cash on hand: \$42,902.32

Total accounts payable: \$0

Total accounts receivable: \$44,697.81

Net current assets: \$87,600.13

Does not include the insurance bill.

Dinah will send the 2018 invoices to the towns this week.

Dinah to also check on status of VAA account receivable.

4. Two year financial reporting update:

Dinah will organize this week with Valente and Seward.

5. Field Report:

Craig met with the health officers from each of the 3 towns at the lab to discuss tire pile issues and the possibility of tiger mosquitoes infiltrating into VT.

Fieldwork began on 4/6 with a hand treatment using 45-day briquettes on approx. ½ acre in Bridport (survey yielded 70-120 larva/dip). Post treatment: larva had decreased 70% and had not progressed past 2nd instar. But, Craig and Meg began an experiment with saved, treated larva that were not killed—the larva continued to live but were covered with epistylis protozoa. Craig wonders if the epistylis cleaned out the bti bacteria. Another factor could be organic material absorbing the Bti. Craig and Meg are monitoring the treated pool every week until the 45 days are up. Craig to discuss with Rutgers University.

The techs performed three other hand treatments with granules. Rt. 125/Snake Mountain Rd has issues with matted reed canary grass mats; treatment was not very successful. Wet-able powder in a backpack sprayer may penetrate the matted grass better there.

Maximum area practical for hand treatment—it took 4 hours for 2 acres with 2 people, so 2 acres is about maximum/day.

Open house is set for July 21 11:30-3:00 p.m.

Alissa has made flyers to post with the complaint line.

Landing zones: Craig has permission from Randy Quesnel and from Monument Dairy to use their fields for helicopter loading. There is also a field on Swamp Rd. owned by the Agency of Natural Resources that Craig is attempting to get permission to use.

VTrans has informed us that we will need a Personal Landing Zone permit for each helicopter-landing site. To apply, we will need a list of landing sites in the 3 towns, find out if there are zoning regulations and get the sites approved, then a letter from the Select Boards approving the sites. We will also need FAA approval.

This year we have permission letters from Brian Pinsonault at VTrans (for North Fork and JBI) to use Monument Farms and the Quesnel fields, as long as we are in the process for getting the permits for 2019.

Jim Eichenberry of NRCS/WRP (Natural Resources; Wetlands Restoration Project) will tour with Craig tomorrow and also would like treatment reports when we make treatments. They would also like a copy of our VAA annual report.

Dates Craig will not be here: May 12-15, 23, 29-June 5. Meg Madden will manage field work in Craig's absence

6. Status of Permits:

NPDES Notice of Intent is filed and is in the 14-day public comment phase with the towns.

The written 1-year aerial permit has been received.

7. Helicopter Pricing Status:

North Fork is \$14/ acre, but, according to the BLSG, they would like a minimum of 3,000-4,000 acres. (Craig to contact North Fork to verify.) JBI will charge \$20.78 per acre when treatment is at least 1000-acres. When less than 1,000 acres the charge is \$2,050 an hour.. David to suggest changes to the next Grant Agreement (effective July 1, 2018) reflecting our current pricing alternatives.

8. LFICD insurance

A quote from Brown and Brown was received and approved by David; the bill has not yet been received.

9. New business:

We need a direct phone/internet line to the lab/office for high throughput (18 Mb) Internet service.

The cost would be \$82/month for phone and Internet (GMAVT)

A motion was made to approve getting our own phone and internet line; the motion was approved unanimously.

10. Next meeting: Cornwall Town Hall; Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 5:00.