

LFICD Board Meeting
Jan 4, 2022
Virtual Meeting

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:32

Present: David Dodge, Gary Rodes, Christine Chapline, Alissa Shethar, Judd Markowski, Wendy Lynch, Dinah Bain, Craig Zondag

2. Approve Dec. 2021 minutes:

The minutes are approved subject to changes David will make to the budget paragraph.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$110,479.03

Cash received: \$0.15

Total cash for month: \$110,479.18

Total disbursements: \$3,063.38

Cash on hand: \$107,415.80

Accounts payable: \$1,200.00

Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net current assets: \$106,215.80

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field Coordinator Report, planning for 2022

Craig had a meeting with Patti Casey and Eliza Doncaster at the Vermont Agricultural and Environmental Lab on Dec. 20 to discuss the mosquito year, lessons learned and strategies going forward. The CDC Light Trap season was our largest on record to date with 64,734 mosquitoes trapped and identified. More aggressive larval surveillance seems to be a logical response. The challenges lie in limited staff and the time to make an assessment for a proposed treatment. This particularly pertains to the Cornwall Swamp. A more comprehensive overview of flood conditions regardless of larval thresholds will be taken into consideration.

The GIS-Lidar Mapping Internship conducted by Sam Chester last Summer has garnered not only support, but initiation of the first large-scale prophylactic treatment of the Lemon Fair River from the VAA. The purchase of 150 Day briquets (Altosid, larvicide) will be strategically placed within approximately a three mile stretch of the river targeting 43 "scroll bars" and additional upland habitats associated with the floodplain. The VAA will help supply staff and canoe craft for the implementation of the larvicide briquettes sometime in mid-April. A total of approximately 15 strategic acres will be treated in this stretch.

Questions remaining: Do the VAA technicians distributing the briquettes in the Lemon Fair need pesticide certification? Will the VAA purchase the briquets or will the LFICD with reimbursement from the VAA?

The active ingredient in the Altosid briquets is Methoprene and needs to be added to our pesticide permit.

Eliza Doncaster and Craig will continue to work on analyzing the data from last season.

Patti Casey will be moving the discussion for a tire sidewall cutter forward at the State level.

5. Public Outreach:

None

6. New board member update:

None

7. New business:

Doug Perkins (new Chair of Otter Creek Watershed Mosquito Control) reached out with an email announcement of their name change; David will invite him to our next board meeting.

The annual reports for the Bridport and Cornwall town meetings are due by January 14.

The Bridport Select Board has left time for a discussion of our 2022 budget at their next meeting on Jan. 10. Judd will check with the Bridport town clerk whether the Select Board would like us to present the budget in person; David and Wendy discussed the budget with Cornwall Select Board at a Dec. Select Board meeting.

8. Adjourn: 6:30

Next Zoom Virtual Meeting: February 1, 2022, 5:30 PM