

LFICD Board Meeting
Oct 4, 2022
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Draft minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:38

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

2. Approve Sept. minutes:

The September minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Cash forward: \$95,750.05

Cash received: \$0.15

Total cash for month: \$95,750.20

Total Disbursements: \$6,562.62

Cash on hand: \$89,187.58

Total Accounts payable: \$1,200.00

Total Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net Current assets: \$87,987.58

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field Coordinator Report

Field Conditions: Sharp declines in CDC Light Traps yielded 192 mosquitoes over three weeks. Epi-week 37 only yielded 21 mosquitoes. There were no puddles to dip for mosquito larvae throughout the month. Though we received approximately 4 inches of rain, cooler temps, particularly at night curtailed mosquito activity.

Pesticide Resistance Monitoring Program: The results came back from our live larval submission to the Northeast regional Center for Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases (NEVBD) at Cornell University. None of the larvae (*Culex pipiens*) showed resistance to the following insecticides: Bti, L.sphaericus, Methoprene, Sumithrin, and Malathion

Our participation in this monitoring program is a requirement from the VAA to remain compliant with our State Grant Agreement. Let it be noted that the LFICD only uses *Bti* for mosquito control.

Patti Casey, our Grant Administrator from the Vermont Agency of Ag accompanied Craig on a field trip on Oct. 3. She wanted to see the areas where we are doing larval surveillance, what is going on at the NRCS Wetlands Project areas, changes in the district's mosquito habitat landscape, and to get a handle on our challenges.

Patti thinks the State's purchase of a tire slicer will happen, possibly this year. After training on the slicer (Craig, Judd, Patti), the program might start as soon as this winter. We also mentioned our interest in drones for larvicide application for acreage larger than we can treat by hand, e.g., up to 200 acres a day. She said she would bring up their use again at the VAA but

cautioned there are a number of hurdles including regulatory and finding and licensing pilots for aerial larviciding.

5. Thoughts on 2023 and beyond: planning and budgeting:

The VAA grant allocation for next year won't change; it will still be split evenly between the OCW and LFICD. David and Dinah will look at this year's budget to get started on next year's budget.

6. Public Outreach: No hotline calls.

7. New Business: None

8. Adjourn at 6:30

Next Zoom Virtual Meeting: Nov. 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m.