

LFICD Board Meeting
March 1, 2022

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:32

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

2. Approve Feb. 1 minutes:

The February 1 minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Cash Forward: \$107,160.78

Cash received: \$8,975.63

Total cash for month: \$116,136.41

Total disbursements: \$2153.55

Cash on hand: \$113,982.86

Accounts payable: \$0.00

Accounts receivable: \$0.00

Net current assets: \$113,982.86

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field Coordinator Report:

Both the Lemon Fair River and the Cornwall Swamp had high water/flood stage levels as of February 28. Craig was in the field taking note of the iced high-water lines.

JBI Helicopter has not responded to our request for a quote for aerial treatment this year.

North Fork Helicopter responded to the OCW district and quoted them a minimum acreage of 1750 acres for each district at \$18/acre. Craig has requested a clarification from North Fork since our total acreage is only 1400 acres. (Update on March 2: North Fork quoted a minimum for the LFICD of 1250 acres at 5 lb/acre will cost \$19.50/acre).

North Fork has not submitted part 2 of the aerial permit to the State, but told Craig that they sent the application it to the OCW to submit. Craig will follow up with Patti Casey (VAA) to see if the State has received it and he will also follow up with North Fork.

We currently have enough larvicide to treat 796 acres at 10 lbs./acre on hand.

Craig is trying to sort out what long lasting larvicide products are available and do a cost comparison. The methoprene granular product from Adaptco (metaLARV granules) is \$1100/40 lb. bag and lasts 40 days. This would cost \$144/acre to treat; we have approximately 15 acres of scroll bars to treat. The Altosid briquettes are longer lasting and cheaper. Craig will follow up with Patti Casey on whether the VAA will order/buy the Altosid briquettes.

We need to look into alternative methods of ground treatment, such as buying and using a backpack sprayer and cutting paths (with landowner permission) to the LF in order to use an ATV for hand treatments.

UVM has posted the summer internship position on the Handshake platform; Middlebury College has not. Craig has not received any applications yet.

5. Permit Renewals: Our 5-year permit has been received (as of March 2). Patti Casey is working on the 1-year permit and still needs part 2 to be submitted by North Fork.

6. Public Outreach: Nothing new.

7. New board member update: Nothing new.

8. New business:

David will ask the 3 Towns if they would contribute to the purchase of a surveillance drone (for surveillance of high-water areas) for the LFICD using ARPA funds.

9. Adjourn: 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting: Virtual meeting, April 5, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.