

LFICD Board Meeting
Nov. 2, 2021
Virtual Meeting

Draft minutes

1. Call to order: 5:32

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

2. Approve October Minutes:

The October minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$86,724.99

Cash received: \$0.14

Total cash for month: \$86,725.13

Total Disbursements: \$10,554.22

Cash on hand: \$76,170.91

Accounts payable: \$1200.00

Accounts receivable: \$35,139.18

Net current assets: \$110,110.09

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. 2022 Budget Discussion:

The Actuals in the budget have been typical and straight forward year to year, unless a helicopter treatment is necessary. This year will be largely the same as last year, although the insurance premium went up this year.

Dinah and David will circulate a draft budget to the Board.

5. Field and lab report:

The light trap season has come to an end with the largest number of mosquitoes trapped since we began collecting light trap data in 2017 (data collected at fixed sites year to year):

2021: 64,734 mosquitoes

2020: 6,607 mosquitoes (drought year)

2019: 46,807 mosquitoes

Typically, the mosquito population peaks in late June to early July, but this year July rain events led to a high level of nuisance mosquitoes to emerge in August. The predominant species, *Ochlerotatus trivittatus*, typically comes out of temporary woodland and grassland puddles and is not always associated with floodplains. This was clearly evident in 2019 when the Lemon Fair River never left its banks, but weekly 1" rain events promulgated *Oc. trivittatus* hatches which predominated Light Traps located away from the floodplain.

Every three years the data on the four RLA's (Restricted Landing Areas) for our helicopter landing zones needs to be updated for the "Airport Master Records" (AMR). Craig received a postcard this year from the FAA and made the updates.

6. VAA 2021 year in review meeting with Patti Casey:

On Tuesday, October 26, Patti Casey (Vermont Agency of Agriculture) met with Craig, as well as board members, David Dodge, Christine Chapline and Gary Rodes. Craig reported on the season's activities and limited treatments. Lessons learned and proposed treatment strategies for the future were discussed. Patti was amenable to the use of 150-day bti briquettes in the mapped scroll bar areas of the Lemon Fair River.

Also discussed was the status of the State obtaining a sidewall cutter for the purpose of eliminating mosquito habitat in farm tire piles. State funding had passed in 2019 for waste tire management that could potentially be used to obtain a tire cutter, but legislation was dropped due to Covid. Patti needs to organize a discussion and a management plan at the State level. The main issue that she has seen is what to do with the steel belted tire treads that will remain as waste to be disposed of.

Patti was open to the LFICD obtaining and using a small drone for mapping and surveying purposes.

7. Public outreach:

No new complaints. All of the complaint callers have been contacted by Craig, other than those that did not return his calls.

8. Report on Select Board meetings:

So far, Craig and members of the board have met with the Cornwall and Bridport Select Boards to discuss the 2021 mosquito season.

Bridport Select Board meeting: The Select board had read and were familiar with the complaint letter from Tom Vanacore. Craig reported on the mosquito season. There was discussion on the potential of drone use for larviciding. There was also a discussion on the pros and cons of adulticiding.

The Weybridge Select Board meeting is tonight; Gary, David and Craig will attend by Zoom.

9. Drone update: none

10. New Board member update: none

11. New Business:

There was a question about the resolution of the lab robbery court case; the perpetrator is in rehab, there is no compensation expected.

It was decided to get a digital thermometer for the trailer that records minimum and maximum temperatures to keep track of temperature fluctuations and to make sure the heat pump is working.

12. Adjourn: 6:48

Next meeting: Annual public budget meeting:

Virtual meeting on Dec. 7, 2021, at 5:30 PM

To the Public: Call David Dodge 462-3898 for Zoom details if you would like to participate.

