

**LFICD (virtual) Board meeting
Oct 6, 2020**

1. Call to order: 5:30

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

2. Approve Sept. minutes:

The Sept. minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Cash forward: 91,428.41

Cash received: \$9,667.35

Total cash for month: \$101,095.76

Total Disbursements: \$6,788.73

Cash on hand: \$94,307.03

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$0

Current Assets: \$94,307.03

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Field and Lab report:

Field conditions were dry through Sept. The light trap season ended on Sept. 20. There were 14 weeks of trapping, totaling 109 trap nights. The traps yielded 6,602 mosquitoes, 5,376 of which were Cq. perturbans (cattail species). It is not clear where Cq. perturbans are coming from since the cattail marshes have been dry, but they are a concern since they can be vectors for EEE virus. Aedes vexans (wetlands nuisance species) was not a particular problem this year.

The results are back from the Pesticide Monitoring Program with Cornell. They found low level resistance to malathion in the mosquito larva collected from our district, although we do not use malathion.

Craig has contacted Jim Eikenberry (federal Natural Resources Conservation Service) and offered to provide Jim with his observations when he is doing surveillance in their Wetlands Restoration Program areas. Jim has also offered to share their maps and management plans for those areas with the LFICD.

NRCS/WRP now owns the floodplain land of Monument Farms (approximately from Lemon Fair Rd to Prunier Rd in Weybridge), which they will manage, with SD Ventures and other sites along West St. in Cornwall.

5. 2021 Budget and Grant Agreement Update:

We still have no new Grant Agreement from the VAA reflecting that we are no longer on a quarterly budget.

Approximately \$33,000 from the VAA grant is left for the last 3 quarters of the VT fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. If we are successful in having \$14,808 of 2020 expenses included in the fiscal YE 6/30/20, we will have \$47,505 available.

6. Change LFICD fiscal year?

The board discussed changing the LFICD fiscal year from the calendar year to a July - June fiscal year to match the VAA Grant Agreement fiscal year. Our current budget ends Dec 31, 2020. So, if we change to July to June fiscal year we will need to create a budget for the first 6 months of 2021. No decision was made.

7. New Board members:

Gary will advise the Weybridge Select Board that Weybridge needs 2 more members for the LFICD board.

8. Off season:

Revisit drone technology:

A drone would be useful for surveillance to identify standing pools of water that potentially need hand treatment. Treatments in recent years have not been near the minimum acreage to justify helicopter treatments, so using a payload drone would be far more practical for treatment of areas too large for hand treatment and too small to make a helicopter treatment worthwhile. The NMCA is not having their annual meeting in-person, so there will be no opportunity to discuss drone usage with other districts, but Craig will try to connect with other districts on the drone topic. Judd is also interested in researching the aspects of drone usage in Vermont, such as cost, operator licenses and State regulations. In the past, the VAA has not been interested in considering drone usage for mosquito control because the State does not have regulations in place.

Revive the tire cutter project conversation with VAA.

Alissa will change the website back to a cheaper service than MacHighway (back to Weebly)

9. New business: None

10. Next meeting:

November 3, 2020 (Election Day)—Virtual meeting moved to 4:00 p.m.