

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District
Bridport, VT
September 2, 2014**

Minutes:

1. Call to order: 5:12

Present: David Dodge, Dinah Bain, Christine Chapline, Lew Castle, Chuck Burkins, Rusty Sherman, Craig Zondag

2. Approve August minutes:

The August minutes are approved.

3. Treasurer's report:

Cash forward: \$17,700.87

Cash received: \$96.88

Total cash for month: \$17,798.14

Disbursements: \$9,183.68

Cash on hand: \$8,614.46

Accounts payable: \$0

Accounts receivable: \$11,091.58

Net current assets: \$19,706.04

Estimated additional expenses for this year: \$2100

Estimated carryover to next year: \$17,606.04

The Treasurer's report is approved.

4. Update on plane sale:

Chuck Webber (Rebecca Air) has made a proposal to buy the plane for \$37,800.

However, he had previously estimated the plane was worth around \$50,000.

Lew has not found a comparable plane for sale on-line to gauge its value. Lew has asked Ed Peet to see if he can find a comp for sale.

The Board feels that \$37,800 is a low bid; Lew suggests that we consider storing the plane for the winter rather than accepting a low bid.

Unrelated to the plane sale, Chuck Webber told Lew that Rebecca Air does not give out the maps from the AgNav to their clients after treatments. The State will require AgNav maps from any service that does larviciding treatments for us. Lew will find out from both Rebecca Air and JBI if they would comply with the State billing requirements for AgNav maps of the treatment areas.

No decision on the proposal from Chuck Webber was made at this time.

5. Grant extension and renewal for 2014-2015

David will resend emails to Tim S. from earlier conversations to amend the grant for next year.

We need to be sure that the grant agreement also addresses reimbursements for procedures that previously were covered in our per-acre treatment charge, but that we now will have to charge separately for (such as labor to load the plane or move larvicide to the site for loading onto JBI's helicopter).

We also need to draft a document spelling out our minimum requirements for the applicator companies (addressing minimum acreages, AgNav maps, etc.) to meet the State reimbursement requirements. David D. will draft a document and run it by Tim Schmalz and Alan Graham at the VAA. Once the document is complete, Lew will present it to JBI and Rebecca Air so that they are aware that they must meet the requirements that the State has imposed for reimbursement.

6. LFICD dipping and treatment update

August was non-eventful. Craig and Judd did larval surveys on Aug 23 after heavy rain, but found no adult mosquitoes or larva in the Cornwall swamp on Morse Rd. East of Payne had 200 larva/dip around the periphery of East of Payne; Devil's Triangle was quiet but the beaver dam (which is now at least 300 ft long with at least 5 lodges) has backed up the water in the ditch and the ditch was heavy with larva. The Weybridge Rd. ditch was also over threshold with larva and was treated by hand (1.2 acres). The following day, Craig and Judd planned to treat in Devil's Triangle, but the water had been absorbed and the larvae were gone. The SD Ventures area has been dry.

Pools of *Aedes vexans* mosquitoes (a predominant nuisance mosquito species in LFICD) have tested positive for EEE in the State of Connecticut. David has brought this report up with the VAA as a reminder that the wetland mosquitoes are potential EEE bridge species. Alan Graham has responded that research suggests that the titer of EEE in *A. vexans* might not be high enough to transmit disease, but that the State continues to monitor many species for EEE.

7. Waypoints/polygons:

The treatment areas are all mapped. Craig has not calculated the acreages of each area, but believes that we have at least 1000 acres at high flood times when we would be painting the valley with larvicide. Chuck and Craig will lock down the acreages of the treatment areas, which will be an important factor for discussions with JBI or Rebecca Air for treatment contracts.

8. New Bridport member:

Chuck Burkins has spoken with Allisa Shethar and she may be interested. He will invite her to the next meeting and David and another board member will also arrange an interview with her. Rusty had also asked if there were any interested volunteers at the Bridport PTO meeting, but there were no takers.

9. VAA Surveying and HVAC reimbursement:

David spoke with Tim Schmalz; the reimbursement request for the HVAC installation in the larvicide trailer has been approved at the requested amount (\$7,275.50), which is 75% of the total cost.

The State was invoiced \$3,816.08 for larval surveys and the check from the State for the full amount has been received (although too late to include in the Treasurer's report).

10. Adjourn 6:25

The next meeting is 5:00, October 7, 2014 at the Cornwall Town Hall.

Actions:

Lew: continue to try to find a comp price for the plane and look into winter plane storage.

Lew: Discuss the AgNav map requirement with Rebecca Air and JBI.

David: re-email our list of requested changes to the 2014/2015 grant to Tim Schmalz.

David: Draft a document outlining our minimum requirements (to meet State reimbursement requirements) for applicator services

Craig and Chuck: Calculate the acreages in the treatment areas.

Chuck: Invite Allissa S. to the next meeting.