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STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD (SRMCB)

Subject: Summary Meeting Minutes

Date / Time: Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Place: 251 Causeway Street, 5th floor Conference Room
Boston, MA 02114

Attendees:

SRMCB Board: Mark Buffone, Department of Agricultural Resources /SRMCB, Chairman
Gary Gonyea, Department of Environmental Protection / SRMCB Member
Anne Monnelly, Department of Conservation and Recreation / SRMCB Member
Alisha Bouchard, SRMCB, Projects Administrator

1.0: **Call to Order and Attendance.** Chairman, Mark Buffone officially call the meeting of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board to order at 10:10 AM on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 251 Causeway Street, 5th floor Conference Room A, Boston, MA

He stated that today's meeting was posted at both the Secretary of States office and Executive Office of Administration and Finance pursuant to the Open meeting Law. And that the meeting was posted on the Board's website.

He introduced himself as Chairman and the fact that he was representing the Department of Agricultural Resources. He also recognized and introduced Anne Monnelly who represents the Department of Conservation and Recreation and Gary Gonyea who represents the Department of Environmental Protection.

He remarked that the Board did have a quorum for voting purposes.

Finally he acknowledges the Board's projects administrator Alisha Bouchard.

- 1.2: **Opening Remarks:** Chairman Buffone asked all present to sign the attendance sheet. He followed by welcoming Caleb Stitely, a representative from Dynamic Aviation, the Boards emergency aerial application vendor. He commented that the Board would hear a presentation from Caleb and be available to answer any questions the Board might have about the services Dynamic provides and the current aerial emergency services contract.

Lastly, the chairman mentioned that there would be a conference call in one hour with DPH. This is a routine conference call scheduled to insure that everyone involved with mosquitoes and arbovirus are up to date.

2.0: **Vote to approve minutes:**

- 2.1: **Background:** Chairman Buffone stated that the Board has had a number of meetings recently and that the minutes of March 19, 2008, May 27, 2008, May 28, 2008, and June 5, 2008 need to be reviewed and approved. He remarked that he would entertain a blanket motion to approve the minutes as written or if the Board preferred, it could make separate motions for each set of minutes? In that case, I would entertain a motion to approve the minutes for March 19, 2008, May 27, 2008, May 28, 2008, and June 5, 2008.

- 2.2: **Questions and Discussions:** Discussion took place regarding a few minor edits to the June 5th minutes on pages 1 and 3 were noted for correction.

- 2.3: **Action Taken:** Anne Monnelly made a motion to approve the minutes as amended with correction to the June 5th meeting. Motion seconded by Gary Gonyea and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 19, 2008, May 27, 2008, May 28, 2008, and June 5, 2008.

3.0: **2008 Mosquito Season Status:**

- 3.1: **Background:** Chairman Buffone informed the Board that he was invited to participate at a press conference held yesterday at the state laboratories. The press conference focused on 1) the increased numbers of mosquitoes specifically Culex and the pesky weather patterns that has been hot, humid, along with frequent and severe thunderstorm activity and torrential rains creating suitable conditions for Culex development. He read the below quote from the press release. "Rainfall and high temperatures have produced dense populations of *Culex* mosquitoes - the species that transmit West Nile virus between birds - in a number of Massachusetts communities. To reduce the risk of mosquitoes transmitting the virus to people, homeowners are urged to empty buckets, roof gutters, and other places where water can collect. In addition to reducing the risk of West Nile virus, eliminating areas where mosquitoes might develop will also reduce the nuisance caused by mosquitoes and lessen the need for applying insecticides," said Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Doug Petersen, whose agency includes the Massachusetts State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board.

Also, he commented that the press briefing focused on prevention primarily at this point in the season and what the public could do to reduce risk such as emptying containers such as buckets and cleaning gutters and the use of repellants. Additionally, the media was invited to visit the Matt Osborne's office who had assorted mosquito traps and other mosquito collection equipment to view.

Chairman Buffone noted that Dr. Mary Gilchrist, Dr. Al Demaria from DPH spoke at this event as well as Alan Balsam from Brookline Health Department

At this briefing DPH announced new positives in mosquitoes in Needham, and the 1st birds of the season in Framingham and Newton. This will be covered on the conference call so I want to move on to Caleb

3.2: *Questions and Discussions:* None

3.3: *Action Taken:* None

4.0: **Dynamic Aviation-Caleb Stitely**

4.1: **Background:** Caleb Stitely from the Board's emergency aerial applicator vendor was present to make a presentation and answer any questions the Board had concerning aerial application and the current contract.

4.2: **Questions and Discussions:** Board members asked a number of questions during the slide presentation.

4.3: **Action Taken:** None.

5.0: **DPH Conference Call**

5.1: **Background:** The Board recessed to take part of the DPH conference call and status update to this point in the season. This was a routine conference call to insure that everyone involved with mosquitoes and arbovirus was up to date with current surveillance data and mosquito conditions.

5.2: **Questions and Discussions:** None.

5.3: **Action Taken:** None

6.0: **Next Meeting Date**

6.1: **Background:** The Chairman inform everyone of the next scheduled meeting date of the Board scheduled for Wednesday **in Waltham** October 15, 2008 UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED or needed to accomplish the Board's work

6.2: **Questions and Discussions:** None.

6.3: **Action Taken:** None.

7.0: Other Business

7.1: **Background:** None

7.2: **Questions and Discussions:** None.

7.3: **Action Taken:** None

8.0: Adjournment.

8.1: **Background:** The Chairman asked if there were any other comments or questions before the Board officially adjourned the meeting.

8.2: **Questions and Discussions:** None.

8.3: **Action Taken:** Anne Monnelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 PM. The motion was seconded by Mark Buffone and voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Buffone
Chairman