

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

Bristol County Mosquito Control Project

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SUPERINTENDENT PRISCILLA MATTON, M.S.

Date: 11/15/2022

Attendance: Assistant Chair Christine Fagan and Commissioner Greg Dorrance in person; Chair Joseph Barile and Dr. Henry Vaillancourt via conference call; Superintendent Priscilla Matton and Entomologist Todd Duval in person.

Public- Katy Smith via Zoom connection.

Chair Barile called the meeting to order at 7:00am with Roll Call: Joe Barile, present Christine Fagan, present: Greg Dorrance, present: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, present.

Chair Barile asked for any public comment. Hearing none moved on to next agenda item.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2022 meeting. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes via roll call, 3-0 with Mr. Barile abstaining.

COLA INCREASES:

Superintendent Matton made a request to the Commission for a COLA increase for all employees effective January 1, 2023. Discussion ensued about what other Districts, member towns/cities, federal, state and social security increases received and the consumer price index.

MOTION made by Henry Vaillancourt to grant a COLA increase of 3% to all BCMCP employees effective January 1, 2023. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes via roll call unanimously, 4-0.

FY 24 BUDGET:

Superintendent Matton requested guidance on potential increase for FY24. The current requested increase is 2.5%, remembering the Project level funded for current budget. With the implementation of "electric vehicle first" policy, a review of fleet optimization and vehicle usage discussion ensued. With time left to make changes to the request, the Commission supports the request for a 2.5% increase with continue review of electric, fuel and heating cost through the winter. Further discussion on vehicles will be on the December meeting agenda.

MOSQUITO UPDATE:

Entomologist Duval submitted the final week of trapping report to the Commission. Activity was one week longer and a later date for the first frost. Following the summer drought, Bristol is back to normal on rainfall. Ae. albopictus was below

average for the season but Mr. Duval increased pesticide applications within the label directions and the conditions on the ground had changed with the removal of tires. Discussion ensued about an updated best management practice document and protocol for surveillance and pesticide applications for Ae. albopictus. Mr. Duval will work on the written document.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAILER:

The equipment trailer purchased in September 2021 has been delivered to the Project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

PESTICIDE LETTER OF WARNING:

Following the last Commission meeting and a follow-up conversation with Commissioner Vaillancourt a written protocol was developed. Any vehicle with a potential leak will be removed from service until corrected. Since a potential weak point has been identified, additional inspections will take place throughout the season. A reminder to the crew in writing about storage and disposal of pesticides or articles that contain pesticides was provided.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 13, 2022 at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Greg Dorrance made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:03am. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted Christine altagar

Christine Fagan