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PRISCILLA MATTON, M.S.

Date: 11/9/2023

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.

Chair Barile called the meeting to order at 7:01am with Roll Call: Joe Barile, present Christine Fagan, present: Greg Dorrance, present: Dr. Henry Vaillancourt, present.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2023 meeting. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes via roll call unanimously, 4-0.

FY 25 BUDGET:

Superintendent Matton requested guidance on potential increase for FY25. The current request is level funding for FY25. Discussion ensued about implementation of pesticide increases and fuel/electric cost and EV first policy. With time left to make changes to the request, the Commission supports the request for level funding.

COLA INCREASES:

Superintendent Matton made a request to the Commission for a COLA increase for all employees effective January 1, 2024. Discussion ensued about what other Districts, member towns/cities, federal, state and social security increases received and the consumer price index. Discussion included concerns about the economy, inflation, and increased fuel cost.

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to grant a COLA increase of 3% to all BCMCP employees effective January 1, 2024. Seconded: Christine Fagan. No further discussion, motion passes via roll call unanimously, 4-0.

WETLANDS COORDINATOR POSITION:

Superintendent Matton is waiting for a response from HR and legal about the wetland's coordinator duties following a conversation with them and Chair Barile.

MOSQUITO UPDATE:

Entomologist Duval submitted a draft end of the season report for review. This season DPH trapped and tested more in the County than previous seasons. Activity was one week longer and a later first frost. Discussion ensued about possible EEE re-emergence in 2024 due to factors like rain fall and late season activity. Also concerns about the increase in *Cx. salinarius* population and their implications in an EEE outbreak. The Commission requested Mr. Duval create a control plan with necessary supplies to be reviewed by Superintendent Matton and Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

SRMCB meeting was attended by Commissioners Fagan and Dorrance. Topics included FY25 budget review, EV first policy and SRB guidance document.

NMCA annual meeting is planned for December 4-6 in Mystic Connecticut.

NEXT MEETING: Monday December 11, 2023 at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Christine Fagan made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:22am. Seconded: Greg Dorrance. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously via roll call, 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


Christine Fagan