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Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, January 12, 2026

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM.
 - b. Commissioners present: Andrew Lover, Jeanne Galloway, Carolyn Ness, and Gregory Lewis.
 - c. Others present: John Briggs, Director of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD), Susan Gruen, Heath Board of Health, Jessica Burgess, General Counsel for the State Reclamation Board, and Anita Amin, Operations Coordinator for the State Reclamation Board.
 - d. Both Jeanne and Carolyn left the meeting prior to its conclusion, at 2:45 PM and 3:08 PM, respectively.
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a. Susan reported that the Cooperative Public Health Services under the Franklin County Regional Council of Governments voted to support a \$30,000 earmark for towns under 2,500 residents to assist with PVMCD membership costs.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from 11/3/25
 - a. **Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Greg seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.**
4. Operational Growth Subcommittee Update
 - a. A discussion took place regarding the legal requirements for forming a subcommittee and possible alternative actions, with guidance provided by Jessica.
5. Review of Annual Surveillance and Mitigation Report
 - a. The Commissioners all reviewed the annual report and came to a consensus that the Director should include summaries of outreach.
6. Upcoming Purchases
 - a. The Director reviewed the current inventory of larval control products and informed the Commissioners that he would be ordering additional products in the near future.
7. Review of Annual Surveillance Report
 - a. The Commissioners all reviewed the report and came to a consensus that the Director should include an outreach summary section, along with examples of how the District responded to WNV.
8. UMass License Agreement Status
 - a. The Director mentioned that all parties intend to renew the license agreement and that it has not yet been executed.

9. Membership and Outreach

- a. The Director is scheduled to meet with Agawam's Board of Health later in the day at 5 PM.
- b. The Commissioners noted potential capacity and operational challenges related to taking on new member towns. The Director acknowledged their input and agreed to draft a plan aligned with current staffing resources to accommodate for the addition of new member towns.

10. Vehicle Acquisition Update

- a. The Director will be submitting a new vehicle request workbook now that Ford Lightnings are no longer available.

11. Other Business

- a. None.

12. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting

- a. TBD.

13. Adjournment

- a. The meeting ended at 3:28 PM without a quorum.