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PRISCILLA MATTON, M.S.

Date: 11/9/2021

Attendance: Assistant Chair Christine Fagan and Commissioners Greg Dorrance and Henry Vaillancourt; Superintendent Priscilla Matton and Entomologist Todd Duval.

Assistant Chair Fagan called the meeting to order at 7:09am.

MINUTES:

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2021 meeting. Seconded: Henry Vaillancourt. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously, 3-0.

TASK FORCE UPDATE:

Superintendent Matton reported subcommittee meetings are being held to discuss specific recommendations for each topic. Updates on three of the four subcommittees was provided. Ms. Matton has made two additional presentations to the task-force members. Many of the themes of concern such as opt-out process, use of adulticides and public engagement crossover multiple meetings.

COLA INCREASES:

Superintendent Matton made a request to the Commission for a COLA increase for all employees effective January 1, 2022. Discussion ensued about what other Districts, member towns/cities, federal, state and social security increases received and the consumer price index. Superintendent Matton explained 3% has been budgeted for the increase in both FY 21 and FY 22 budgets.

MOTION made by Greg Dorrance to grant a COLA increase of 3% to all BCMCP employees effective January 1, 2022. Seconded: Henry Vaillancourt. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously, 3-0.

NMCA VIRTUAL MEETING:

Superintendent Matton asked the Commissioners if they are interested in joining the virtual NMCA annual meeting December 6-8, 2021. Registration for those interested will be provided.

END OF SEASON UPDATE:

Superintendent Matton and Entomologist Duval continued to trap due to the warmer than average temperatures until October 22. Two additional WNV human cases were reported in the state. Following a request from Chairman Barile on “cost per week” to continue seasonal surveillance technician later in the season, information was provided. The topic will be included next meeting as the Chairman was not present. Entomologist Duval updated the Commission on the current rain totals as a predictor for next seasons EEE risk. The predictor is looking at a total of 22.5 inches over two distinct periods, one being the current year August until October. To date we have 21.8 inches of the required 22.5 inches already. This is very similar to the 2018 fall season just before the large outbreak in 2019 in which we had 18.2 inches during the same period.

SPRING 2022:

Superintendent Matton and Entomologist Duval updated the Commission on spring aerial larvicide plans. Current plans would include historical liquid *Bti* application to Hockomock and Bolton swamps. A continuation of the methoprene study given the higher water levels in the Hockomock. Plymouth County’s aircraft and pilot would apply both these applications. A spring application to the Easton *Cq. perturbans* site with *B. sphaericus* to reduce populations similar to those seen in 2021. This application would require a helicopter. Entomologist Duval would like to work on a scientific note on the establishment of *Ae. albopictus* in the New Bedford area. There is also a possible *Cx. pipiens* genetics study. Funding is being explored for these projects.

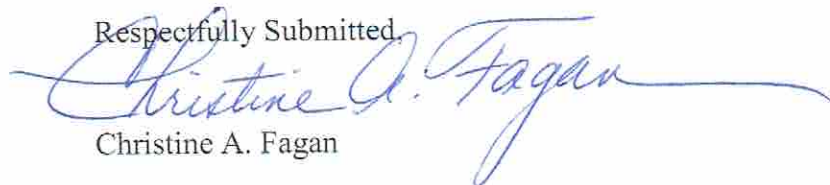
NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday December 14, 2021 at Project Headquarters at 7:00am

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to discuss, Greg Dorrance made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:45am. Seconded: Henry Vaillancourt. No further discussion, motion passes unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine A. Fagan