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District Director
John Briggs

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 16, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual – Public are welcome to join.

Meeting Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/>

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 by Carolyn.
 - b. Commissioners in attendance: Jeanne Galloway, Jennifer Brown, Carolyn Ness, Andrew Lover.
 - c. Also in attendance: Susan Gruen of the Heath Board of Health, Cathrine Brown and Matthew Osborne of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and John Briggs, Director of Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District.
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a. None.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Vote Required)
 - a. **Jennifer made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Carolyn seconded. Vote pasted 3-0. Jeanne abstained.**
4. Fiscal Update
 - a. John would send out a fee increase letter to all member communities, shortly after January 1, 2025.
 - b. John reviewed payments owed and received for membership fees and pilot mitigation services.
5. Pilot Larval Mitigation Update
 - a. John provided a brief update on the district possibly expanding larval mitigation services in East Longmeadow.
6. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) Response Plan
 - a. A discussion took place regarding the current Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District's phased EEE response plan with input and feedback given by both Catherine Brown and Matthew Osborne.
 - b. John would modify the current phased EEE response plan to include extensive outreach and messaging at earlier phases.
7. Outreach Update
 - a. Annual Reports
 - i. John mentioned that the annual reports are complete and are going through and editing and feedback phase.
 - b. John said that he provided an update on operations and surveillance efforts to Senator Comerford's office.
8. Lease and Facilities Update
 - a. John briefly discussed the leasing and space options available to the District upon the termination of its current lease in mid-January.
9. Other Business
 - a. None
10. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting

a. January 13, at 2:00 PM. This meeting will be held virtually.

11. Adjournment (Vote Required)

- a. **Carolyn made motion to adjourn, and Andrew seconded. Vote passed 3-0. Jeanne abstained.**
- b. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.