



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE RECLAMATION AND MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD



PIONEER VALLEY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Meeting Minutes September 11, 2023

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a. The meeting was called to order at by Jeanne at 2:11 PM
 - b. Commissioners in attendance: Jeanne Galloway, Carolyn Ness, Greg Lewis. John Briggs, the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District Director, was in attendance, along with Susan Gruen from the Heath Board of Health, Bobbie Karmen from the Mosquito Opt-Out Committee in Hadley, and Dallas Gagnon from Turley Publications.
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a. Bobbie Karmen asked for PVMCD’s health contact in Hadley and for John’s contact information.
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Vote Required)
 - a. Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes from August 14th and Greg seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.
4. Surveillance Update
 - a. John reported that mosquitoes testing positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) had been confirmed in several Worcester County communities. Jeanne recommended that messaging be put out regarding livestock and horse vaccinations against EEE. Carolyn added that messaging should include information on when to vaccinate.
5. Finance Report
 - a. All member communities have paid their FY23 membership, and to date, \$94,000 out of \$103,000 has been collected for FY24.
 - b. Supplemental funding is going to be used to help offset operational costs.
 - c. John said the District would need to obtain a rental vehicle for next year’s mosquito season. John would begin the process of renting a vehicle in the coming weeks.
 - d. A more detailed finance report during the offseason regarding revenue projections from additional services would be provided by John.
6. Outreach and Waiting List Update
 - a. John has spoken with Paulina Matusik, who is the Health Director of Ludlow, and is interested in joining the District for FY25.
 - b. For next month John would include the action item of a vote to add the Town of Erving into the District.
 - c. The end of season surveillance reports to be distributed to member communities during the winter months would also include maps of areas impacted by arbovirus.
 - d. John is scheduled to attend the Heath BOH monthly meeting in September.
7. Upcoming State Reclamation Board (SRB) Meeting
 - a. TBD
8. Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Process (DCAMM) Update

- a. The process is continuing to move forward.
- 9. Commissioner Search Update
 - a. No update. The Commissioners and John would continue to look for potential candidates.
- 10. Other Business
 - a. Dallas Gagnon requested to reach out to John to obtain more information regarding the recent rainfall and its impact on mosquito species in the Munson/Palmer area.
- 11. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
 - a. October 9, 2023 at 2 PM
- 12. Adjournment
 - a. Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Greg seconded. Vote passed 3-0.