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District Director
John Briggs

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 9, 2024

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order and Attendance
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM.
 - b. Commissioners in attendance: Jennifer Brown, Andrew Lover, Greg Lewis, and Carolyn Ness. Also in attendance: John Briggs, the director of the Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District (PVMCD).
2. Public Comment/Output
 - a. None
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Vote Required)
 - a. **Carolyn made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Andrew seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**
 - b. Discussion: None
4. Operations Update
 - a. John provided a brief overview of surveillance, mitigation services, pesticide resistance monitoring, and Ae. albopictus surveillance.
5. Outreach and Messaging
 - a. John attended the Hampden County Health Coalition Meeting on September 5 to discuss surveillance and program updates.
 - b. Links were provided to member community contacts in regard to aerial spraying in response to Eastern Equine Encephalitis.
6. Fiscal Overview
 - a. John provided a brief overview of FY25 payments received and owed balances of member communities.
 - b. Additional larval products were purchased for catch basin treatments if needed.
7. Eastern Equine Encephalitis Response Plan – Sub Committee Progress
 - a. An outline has been created.
 - b. John will spend more time on the outline and writing the response plan during the offseason.
8. Lease and Facilities Update
 - a. Andrew Lover recused himself from the discussion.
 - b. An MOU draft is expected to be completed by the end of October.
9. Seasonal Staff Update
 - a. New seasonal staff started on 9/9/24 and are scheduled to work through November 2.
10. Other Business
 - a. A brief discussion about the possible relationship between severe West Nile virus human cases and COVID took place.
11. Date, Time, and Location of Next Commission Meeting
 - a. October 15, 2024, at 2 PM. This meeting will be held virtually.
12. Adjournment

- a. **Carolyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jennifer seconded. Motion passed 4-0.**
- b. The meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.