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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES March 21, 2024

On Thursday, March 21, 2024, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, and Fiore. Commissioner Reynolds attended via Microsoft Teams. Employees present: Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot, Matt McPhee, Assistant Superintendent, Ellen Bidlack, Entomologist, Denise DeLuca, Administrative Assistant, and Erin Morrill; Community Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 9:36am.

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: There were no comments.

Vote to approve February 15th, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the February 15th, 2024 minutes was made by Commissioner Fiore and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds. The Board approved unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: Denise reported that the expense report reflected the monies spent to purchase the barrels of the seasonal adulticide Duet. There were no other significant changes affecting the expense report.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field work summary: Matt reported that the machine crew completed an upland job on 1034 Central Avenue, East Bridgewater, resulting in 1405 linear feet being cleaned. The crew also hand cleaned /brushed 27,257 feet around Plymouth County. The crew is beginning to transition to spring dipping for mosquito larvae. The tire program will commence again in the Fall.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Ross stated that the Jamestown Canyon Virus testing would be done again this year. The Project will have the security system installed March 28th or the 29th. The airplane passed inspection for the upcoming season. Using the Interdepartmental Service Agreement,(ISA), Ross and Bristol County Superintendent Priscilla Matton, amended and extended the Project's ability to continue to borrow an excavator. All positions for the upcoming season have been filled except one catch basin applicator. Ross also noted that the EV chargers work well and the vehicle is being used to transport the crew to and from worksites. The vehicle has yet to be wired and set up for adulticiding and larviciding jobs. Ross noted that the State Reclamation Board meeting on February 28th voted to approve the hiring of the Project's fifth commissioner, Joyce Krystofolski. The COLA discussions will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Entomologist Report: Update on Mosquito Surveillance: Ellen noted that several Projects will be getting together to do the cage trials again this season. The 'Mosquito Mayhem' event will be held again at Cape Cod Community College in mid-May. She will be working with a new, recently hired seasonal assistant this year. Ellen attended the 2024 American Mosquito Control Association meeting in Dallas earlier this month. Ellen shared some of the talks she heard. In particular, ReMoa-Tri is showing a lot of promise to overcome resistance. She recommended that it only be used when trying to control for West Nile Virus.

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Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: Erin presented to a well attended Early Childhood Fair at Kingston Elementary School on Saturday, March 9th. April 13th will see Erin presenting to youngsters in the Hanson Children's Room at the Hanson Public Library. On April 27th, she will be attending the Plymouth Family Network Health and Wellness Fair at Plymouth North High School. Erin concludes April with an event held at the Scituate Public Library. Events in May include one in the evening of the 8th at the Kingston Public Library, a Health and Wellness Fair on the 14th in Marshfield, and an event in the evening of May 22nd at the Wareham Public Library. Lastly, Erin finishes events in May with a presentation at the Hanson COA on May 28th.

June events will be held at the Pembroke Library in the evening on the 12th and another evening engagement at the Hanson Public Library on the 18th. Hanover's COA will be hosting an event on June 14th and Marion's COA on the 21st. Erin finishes up June with a morning event being held at the Plymouth Boys and Girls Club on the 27th.

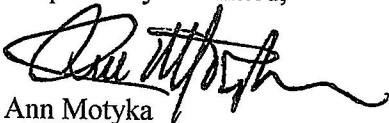
On July 9th, Erin will present a morning event at the Wareham COA. As August approaches, Erin is looking to present again at the Marshfield Fair which will be held August 16th-25th. Finishing out later events as they are already scheduled, Erin will be at the Whitman Public Library on September 29th and on October 2nd, Erin will be at the Rochester Wellness Fair, sponsored by the COA.

Commissioner Comments, if any: Commissioner Motyka inquired on the date of Clarke Chemical's event. Ross confirmed that it will be held at the Project on April 10th; 8:30am-12:00pm.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at 1:00pm. Meeting will be held at the Project headquarters, 272 South Meadow Road, Plymouth. A remote option will be available.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was accepted unanimously at 10:18am.

Respectively submitted,



Ann Motyka
Commissioner: Vice-Chairman/Secretary
Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

Documents that accompanied this agenda:

- *Meeting Agenda
- *February 15th Meeting Minutes
- *Monthly Expense Report