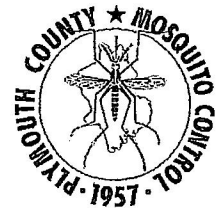


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# PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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## COMMISSIONER'S MEETING MINUTES April 18th, 2024

On Thursday, April 18th, 2024, the Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project held their monthly meeting at the Project headquarters. In attendance were Commissioners Sharland, Motyka, Fiore, Reynolds, and Krystofolski. Employees present: Ross Rossetti, Superintendent/Pilot, Ellen Bidlack, Entomologist, Denise DeLuca, Administrative Assistant, and Erin Morrill; Community Liaison.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharland at 1:00 pm.

Public Comment/Input: There was no public comment.

Comments from the Chair: Newly appointed Commissioner Joyce Krystofolski was individually welcomed by the current Board of Commissioners.

Vote to approve March 21st, 2024 Minutes: Motion to approve the March 21st, 2024 minutes was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Fiore. Commissioner Krystofolski abstained. The Board approved unanimously.

Administrative Assistant Expense Report: Denise reported that check water requests from residents have increased. Adulticide spray call requests from residents will commence on May 28th. Starting in mid-May, Denise's seasonal assistant will begin work to learn job responsibilities.

COLA Discussion: Ross touched base with other mosquito control projects and learned that most were offering at least a 3% COLA increase. Ross recommended a 3.5% increase for all Project employees. A motion to accept the 3.5% COLA, including step increases for all full and part-time employees was made by Commissioner Reynolds and seconded by Commissioner Fiore. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Report-Field work summary: Ross, in Matt's absence, reported that from March 21st-April 18th, the machine digging crew completed an upland job on 1034 Central Street in East Bridgewater; digging 100 feet. There were 1,350 feet of hand cleaning and brushing done with a total of 55,209 feet completed up to this point in 2024. After 3 weeks of larviciding, the crew inspected 1,035 sites, treating 182 of them and completed 88 service requests from residents to check water.

Superintendent's Review of Project Operations since last meeting: Ross noted that the SRB voted to continue a partnership with UMASS's New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases to test mosquitoes for Jamestown Canyon Virus. The surveillance system, installed by K & M Communications, is up and running. The EV has been wired and is fully functional for all Project jobs.

Aerial larviciding has been completed on 1,680 acres of swamps. After months of research, the Project has decided to stay with the fixed-wing airplane option; reason being the lack of appropriate inventory as well as the significantly higher cost of a helicopter. Ross suggested options to look into, going forward. One was hiring an outside contractor to use for aerial

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applications, though not employed in any other capacity to the Project. Another option is to hire a full-time employee who would also serve as pilot using the Project's aircraft. Ross noted that the Project's FTE count would need to increase to 14.5. Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to accept the Project's 14.5 full-time employees request. It was seconded by Commissioner Fiore. The motion passed unanimously.

Entomologist Report: Update on Mosquito Surveillance: Ellen has been getting her trap sites ready and coordinating with Ross the pre and post treatment dipping for the airplane.

Community Liaison Report-Presentations Update-Upcoming Engagements: Erin contacted the County's Boards of Health that were unable to attend the March 18th event at the Project. She provided resources and information that could assist them when communicating with their residents. In terms of Erin's events, one previously scheduled for April 13th in Hanson was canceled. 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 on the 29th. Blake Dinius and Entomologist Bidlack will also be attending. 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 scheduled a presentation at the Hanson COA on May 28th.

June events will be held in Hull, at their COA, on the 8th, 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. She will be presenting at the Bridgewater COA on the 25th. 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. Erin will be at the Whitman Public Library on September 29th. On October 2nd, Erin will be at the Rochester Wellness Fair, sponsored by the COA. The Plymouth COA has reached out to Erin for an event on September 13th. Hull's COA is interested in a similar event to be scheduled sometime in the fall.

Commissioner Comments, if any: There were no comments.

Date, Time, Location of next Commission Meeting/Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16th, 2024 at 9:30am. 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 2:08 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Ann Motyka

Commissioner: Vice-Chairman/Secretary

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Documents that accompanied this agenda:

\*Meeting Agenda

\*March Meeting Minutes

\* Monthly Expense Report