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October 7th, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes of The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District Commission

Commissioners present: Robin Chapell, Norman Jacques, Maureen MacEachern, Linda Shea

Commissioners absent: Richard Pollack

Quorum: A quorum was established.

Others in attendance: David Lawson, Director Caroline Haviland, Field Operations Manager

Note taker: David Lawson

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1) Agenda Item: Approval of the minutes of the September 11th, 2019 Commission Meeting

Action: The minutes of the September 11th, 2019 Commission meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. MacEachern

2) Agenda Item: Budget Overview

a. Review of FY 2019 year end expenses

The final rollover figure for FY 2019 into FY 2020 is \$61,352.

b. Budget review and challenges for FY 2020

The Director handed out a sheet with budget overview figures. The Director noted the extra expenses of this season due to the EEE outbreak, and informed the Commission that the Commonwealth had asked for the Districts to track extra expenses and turn them in for possible reimbursement. The NCMCD tracked an extra \$39,263 attributed to EEE work. This amount is from extra use of the adulticide Zenivex during ULV spraying, overtime work for employees, and mileage reimbursement for setting traps outside of normal work hours with private vehicle use.

Action: The Budget Overview report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mrs. Chapell.

3) Agenda Item: Fieldwork Overview

a. Year to date review: The Director presented a spreadsheet of total calendar year-to-date 2019 field work accomplished. The Director noted, primarily, the high number of service requests and ULV

acreage due to the EEE situation. The amount of acres sprayed this season is a record that goes back to 1991, and the second all-time highest amount of requests for service were received this season. The field crew is now fully engaged in various water management projects across the District.

Action: The Fieldwork Overview report was unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacques.

4) **Surveillance/Virus isolations update**

The Director handed out a spreadsheet with the list of virus isolations from the District for the season. There were 15 EEE isolations from mosquitoes, a EEE horse case in Medfield, and 2 WNV isolations in mosquitoes. The Director informed the Commission of a presumptive EEE case in an emu in Franklin, late in the season, which could not be confirmed by DPH due to extenuating circumstances. Though NCMCD was spared any human cases of EEE, the Director shared data on the EEE situation state wide and regionally noting that the 2019 season is likely the worst outbreak in a single year since 1938 when the virus was first identified. It is likely that the 2020 season will continue the high risk for EEE.

Some discussion ensued regarding communications from the Governor and staff regarding potential moves to expand mosquito control in areas of the Commonwealth that have towns not contained within currently established Mosquito Control Districts. Though it is extremely unlikely that the only town not in a District that borders the NCMCD (Mendon) would join the NCMCD, this topic will engage some of the other Districts in the upcoming year and possibly years to come. It is also likely that much discussion will ensue regarding preemptive strategies to contain EEE, such as larviciding early in the season to control Cs. melanura or attempts to control Cq. perturbans through larviciding.

New/Old Business:

The Commission scheduled the next meeting to be held at District headquarters on Thursday November 14th at 4:00 p.m.

At 4:53 p.m. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Chapell.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Shea, Chairman