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DAVID A. LAWSON
 Director

CAROLINE E. HAVILAND
 Field Operations Manager

**February 26th, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes of the Norfolk
 County Mosquito Control District Commission**

Commissioners present:

Maureen MacEachern – Chairman, Linda Shea, Robin Chapell, Richard Pollack

Commissioners absent:

Norman Jacques

Quorum: There was a quorum established.

Others in attendance:

David Lawson, Director

Caroline Haviland, Field Operations Manager

Note taker:

David Lawson

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. at District headquarters.

Agenda Item: Rotation of Chairman

Action: On a motion by Mr. Pollack, Maureen MacEachern was appointed as new Chairman of the Commission and Norman Jacques Vice-chairman of the Commission.

Agenda Item: Approval of Minutes

Action: The minutes of the January 13th, 2015 Commission meeting were unanimously accepted on a motion by Mrs. Chapell.

Agenda Item: Budget Overview

The Director presented a sheet highlighting the budgetary state of the District. As of the date of the meeting the Director is estimating expenditures of \$1,639,742 for FY 2015 resulting in a rollover into FY 2016 of \$158,361. The Districts financial status is currently excellent.

The Director presented a brief financial analysis in justification of back filling an additional Field Technician position. This included cutting back on proposed seasonal employee hiring to help

defray costs for the Field Technician position for ongoing years. The Commission backed the plan but encouraged the Director to continue to hire seasonal employees when it was financially feasible.

The Director presented the current pay scale, and proposed promoting William Haviland (Equipment Operator) to the position of Senior Equipment Operator, step 8.

Action: The Budget Overview report was unanimously accepted on a motion by Mrs. Shea.

Under the Budget Overview agenda item, the Director briefed the Commission on the status of the proposed Honey Bee/ULV study that the District was attempting to conduct in the summer 2015. The Director noted that despite lots of effort on the part of the District, Lee Corte-Real as Chair of the SRMCB has told the District to not move forward with the study citing primary concerns that the study is not consistent with the mandate to conduct mosquito control as promulgated in MA general law 252, among other concerns.

Action: Mr. Pollack proposed a motion to formally signify the Commission's disagreement with the action of the SRMCB Chairman to block NCMCD's proposed study which would assess the extent of harm (if any) to honey bees resulting from ULV adulticiding activities. The Commission submits that measuring the extent of alleged non-target impacts is directly relevant to the mandate, role and responsibility of the NCMCD, as it addresses quality control and environmental safety concerns. Such efforts would benefit and may potentially modify the operation of all of the MCDs as well as those in the beekeeping community, inform state and local officials, and serve the general public. The Commission encourages SRMCB and MDAR to assist with the design and conduct of such efforts, and to actively participate in their execution. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Agenda Item: Field Work Overview

The Director presented a spreadsheet highlighting year-to-date field work.

The Director presented charts highlighting pesticide use and water management totals for the calendar year 2014.

The Director informed the Commission of his consideration of switching adulticides from Duet™ to Zenivex™ starting the 2015 season.

There was no new information to relay in regard to the Foxboro Oak Street tire dump.

Action: The Commission approved the Field Work Overview Report on a motion by Mr. Pollack.

Agenda Item: New/Old Business

The Director discussed various 'as informational' items with the Commission, including informing them of current issues with the roof of the office trailer leaking in the women's bathroom and causing mold and severe odor. The Director let the Commission know that the staff was working with the State on possible solutions.

The Director discussed the fire that occurred next to the office building on February 5th, 2015.

The above 2 items were part of short discussion regarding the status of the Districts process to move out of the current location. Mrs. Chapell asked that the move be continuously placed on the agenda until the issue is resolved.

The Director informed the Commission of Alisha Blouchard's new position as Chief of Staff for New DAR Commissioner John Lebeaux.

The Director informed the Commission of The Trustees of Reservation decision to not alter their Mosquito Control Policy at this time. The District should expect exclusion requests for their properties.

The Commission set the next 2 meeting dates for April 9th, 2015, and May 14th, 2015, both 5:00 pm at District Headquarters.

At 5:41 P.M. the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mrs. Chapell.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen MacEachern