

BLSG Board Minutes 3/16/17

Present:

Board members: Brad Lawes, Wayne Rausenberger, Ben Lawton, Jeff Whiting, Pete Hare, Dick Kirby

Coordinator: Will Mathis

Ben Lawton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Dick Kirby was introduced as the newly appointed Brandon Representative to fill the vacancy.

1. Minutes approved (motion: Pete Hare; 2nd: Jeff Whiting)

2. The member towns approved amounts in their budgets requested by the BLSG for 2017.

3. Treasurer's Report--Wayne Rausenberger

- General checking balance-- \$78,292
- Equipment and capital balance-- \$7,763
- We purchased a trailer for the Argo--\$2,001
- The trailer will have \$2,000 of insurance coverage
- We received notice of termination of public officials management and employment practices liability. We will have coverage with XL Catlin going forward.
- Wayne will verify how much insurance coverage we have on the Argo.
- Line of credit was extended for another year at 5%. We still owe \$9,499 against the Argo.

4. Will Mathis and Brad Lawes have been researching used trucks for the BLSG. Motion was passed authorizing Wayne Rausenberger to purchase two trucks from Wimmet, provided Dave Bishop test drives them and approves. (Moved: Pete Hare, 2nd: Jeff Whiting)

5. Coordinator Report--Will Mathis

- Will will meet with Kerry White next week to discuss plans for this season
- Will has **received** pesticide applicator's licenses for each of the BLSG applicators
- JBI and Mansfield, two commercial aerial applicators of larvicide, have not responded to calls from Will Mathis.

6. Public Notices will be posted the week of March 20 in local papers, town clerk offices, and radio stations.

7. Ben Lawton had a productive meeting with Jim Eikenberry. Eikenberry has sent out "compatible use authorization" forms to 23 property owners who live on properties that have protected wetlands. The BLSG needs these property owners to fill out these forms in order to be able to sample for mosquito larvae and apply larvicide in these wetlands.

8. We are still waiting for the new Pesticide General Permit application. In the meantime, we are authorized to operate under our existing permit. Jeff Whiting will attend the public meeting scheduled on April 10 in Berlin where the Draft Regs will be reviewed. Comments are due to the State before April 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Hare
Secretary