

BLSG Minutes, April 20, 2017

Present: Board: Ben Lawton, Pete Hare, John Haverstock, Wayne Rausenberger, and Jeff Whiting; Coordinator: Will Mathis; Guest: Jeremy MacLachlan

1. Ben Lawton opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.
2. March minutes were approved (moved by Jeff, 2nd by Pete)
3. Treasurer's Report—Wayne
 - Equipment replacement and capital fund: \$5,831.01
 - Checking: \$55,184.38
 - Mortgage on BLSG building has been paid off
 - Argo has been paid off
 - Argo has \$500 deductible for collision and comprehensive. No towing.
 - 2017 YTD Actual correction: "data collection and field equipment" should be \$786.12, not \$186.12.
 - As of 4/17/17 \$45,677.31 remains from the \$70,000 state grant, which ends 6/10/17.
 - BLSG purchased two used pick-ups and traded in 2 old ones.
4. No Spray Requests
 - Jeremy MacLachlan expressed concerns about his property being sprayed with adulticide last year and in previous years, despite his request to not be sprayed and the presence of stakes indicating a no-spray zone on his property. Jeremy owns an organic vegetable farm.
 - Will Mathis explained that he will be training his operators very soon about the Standard Operating Guidelines to ensure that no properties that are staked will be sprayed. This training will involve visiting the no-spray properties in advance.
 - Stakes designating no-spray zones will be put up soon.
 - Requests for no spray have been slow in coming in. Landowners are reminded to get them in as spraying will begin soon.
5. Conditional Use Permit
 - Ben Lawton reported that the Leicester residents required to complete conditional use forms in order to allow for larvicide and adulticide application on their wetlands properties are nearly complete. Brandon is a little further behind, but Jim Eikenberry has been of valuable assistance to get this done. All Pittsford properties have completed.
6. Update—Pesticide General Permit
 - Jeff Whiting attended a public meeting recently where the state reviewed the new proposed permit requirements. The public comment phase is ended April 19th. The BLSG submitted comments.
 - One thing is clear: when the new procedures go into effect, there will be more documentation and record keeping involved.

- Until the new permits go into effect, we operate under our current 2011 PGP. Jeff expects the new permit will go into effect sometime late summer.
7. Coordinator's Report—Will Mathis
 - Will Mathis explained the Standard Operating Guidelines of a BLSG Adulticide applicator. After receiving written notification district employees visit the location, plot GPS coordinates, mark the property with reflective stakes, and mark the property on a route map located at the BLSG facility. To ensure that the requesting property owner will not be sprayed.
 - Will Mathis and his crew of applicators started larvicide sampling and hand treatments on April 12.
 - Will reports numerous Larvae hatches within the District. District employees have been treating these areas. Limited numbers of adult mosquitos have been observed.
Since then, they have been very busy measuring larvae in flood plains and other common larvae areas and applying larvicide.
 - Argo is working great!
 - Motion passed to purchase long sleeved shirts for all the operators—3 shirts each (with BLSG logo and contact info printed on them). This will come out of safety equipment budget and will not exceed \$600.
(moved by Jeff, 2nd by Pete)
 8. Moved into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matter (Section 1 VSA, Section 313 (A) (1) at 8:44 p.m. (moved by Pete, 2nd by John).
 - Moved out of executive session at 9:15 (moved by John, 2nd by Pete)
 9. We passed a motion to have John Haverstock look into the obligations of the BLSG to pay overtime to employees. (Moved by Jeff, 2nd by John).

Adjourned at 9:29

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Hare
Secretary