

**BLSG Minutes, August 8, 2017**  
**Special Emergency BLSG Board Meeting**

Present: Board: Ben Lawton, Brad Lawes, Wayne Rausenberger, John Haverstock, Kit Shaw, Jeff Smith, Dave Bishop and Jeff Whiting; Coordinator: Will Mathis; Guests: Kerry White  
BLSG employee

Location: Ben Lawton's Office, 5 Carver Street, Brandon, VT.

1. Meeting was called to order by Ben Lawton at 5:35 PM. Jeff Whiting was asked to take minutes.
2. Ben introduced the purpose of the meeting as the following:  
I have called this meeting for 2 reasons. First, Treasurer Wayne Rausenberger indicates that we are most likely going to run out of money this year prior to the end of the season. Secondly, coordinator, Will Mathis is concerned that mosquitoes might be building resistance to Permanone (Permethrin). According to best management practices IPM to avoid building resistance we should rotate products for mosquito control. Will is suggesting we return to the use of Fyfanon (Malathion), as much as possible for the rest of the season, especially on routes that we have been treating frequently with Permanone for the last several seasons
3. Treasurer's Report—Wayne
  1. Wayne presented a report on current financial status showing we will likely run out of money this year before the end of the calendar year. He pointed out that the District uses a calendar year accounting basis while all of the Towns are on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year basis.
  2. Wayne has increased the line of credit with First National Bank of Orwell from \$56,000 to \$75,000 as approved at the last meeting. That line of credit was paid off when the last reimbursement was received from the State so is available for funds to carryover any shortfall. The interest rate on this line of credit is 5% APR.
  3. Brad Lawes pointed out that the Towns can borrow money at a substantially lower rate and suggested the Towns be asked to pay their assessments early to avoid more expensive borrowing. He stated that he had reviewed the situation at last night's Select Board meeting in Leicester and they had agreed to pay the assessment right away. Jeff Whiting said that Goshen intends to pay the bill after the Select Board meeting next Monday.
  4. Brad asked that other Towns be encouraged to do likewise. Wayne should contact the other towns to encourage them to do likewise.
  5. The costs to complete the year will depend heavily on the weather and how much rain we get until the first killing frost. Jeff Whiting pointed out that with the funds from the towns we will meet our cash flow needs to maintain operations the rest of the year. We will in all likelihood end the year with a

deficit which we will know with a lot more precision at budget time in November. The deficit will need to be added to the budget for 2018 to calculate the amount to be charged to the towns. The budget for 2018 should be based on a normal year and not another abnormally wet year.

6. Moved Lawes, second Smith to approve Treasurers Report and to utilize the money coming in from the towns to maintain operations. Approved.
  
4. Coordinator's Report—Will Mathis  
Will reviewed the inventory position of Adulticide. He just ordered a pallet of Permethrin for \$6,840. He will need at least another pallet of material in addition to the Permethrin that we have on hand to finish the year. He would suggest ordering Malathion to use in addition to the Malathion he has in inventory. He is concerned we are developing resistant strains of mosquitoes to Permethrin. It has been several years since we used Malathion which would kill mosquitoes that have developed a resistance to Permethrin and is approved for our use. Malathion is used at a rate of 3.5 ounces per minute at 10 MPH truck speed versus 12 Ounces per minute at 10 MPH for Permethrin. Permethrin is odorless while Malathion has a distinct odor.  
  
The use of a masking odor was discussed which gives an odor of oranges. After discussion it was decided that the distinctive smell of Malathion is familiar to most residents of the district and a new odor would just create questions.  
  
Moved Lawton, second Rausenberger to purchase a pallet of Malathion for use.  
Approved.
5. Pittsford has requested a one-time Adulticide spraying this coming weekend for Pittsford Days. Will plans to use Permethrin and will document the costs of Labor and materials. A 50% charge to cover equipment, fuel and other costs will be added on.
6. John asked that the cost to provide Adulticide treatment next year for Pittsford be determined. Jeff Whiting will provide John the factors we need for the rate formula and work with him to calculate what the rate would have been for this current Fiscal Year.
7. Moved Lawes, second Smith to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Whiting  
Acting Secretary