

BLSG Board Meeting
Thursday September 17, 2020
Unapproved Minutes

Present: Jeff Schumann, Mike Blaisdell, Paul Vaczy, Jeff Whiting, Doug Perkins, Richard Russ, Steve Belcher

BLSG Staff: Will Mathis

Guests: Wayne Rausenberger, Richard Baker, Bruce Baccei

This meeting was held on Zoom, with a physical presence at the Stephen Douglas House in Brandon. There were some technical difficulties with the sound at the start.

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm.

1. Mike Blaisdell, Chair, reviewed Covid-19 issues. Will Mathis, answering a query, confirmed that operations are shutting down for the season, and that the employees have had little immediate contact with each other.

2. Public Comments

Wayne Rausenberger asked for a copy of the signed contract for the roofing work, for information on the plan to make the Operations Director a full-time position, and for information on the plans to insulate the shed against the cold.

Mike Blaisdell answered that, with Will's assistance, Wayne would have a copy of the contract the next day; that the issue of the full-time position had been on the agenda for some time but time never allowed it to come up; and that the issue of insulation was not at this time up for discussion.

3. Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jeff Whiting, seconded by Jeff Schumann, the two sets of Minutes, from Aug. 20 and then the special continuation meeting of Sept. 3, were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report/Budget

Board members had not received a statement of the bills and payments, such as Will Mathis had sent out earlier; this statement was to be reviewed by Mike Blaisdell, giving a break to Jeff Whiting [The statement was sent out on the morning of Sept. 18].

On the question of the book-keeper to replace Eloise Crane, Mike Blaisdell noted that Brad Lawes had received some estimates from various parties. Steve Belcher asked why the position had not been publicly advertised, and questioned the lack of openness. Mike Blaisdell said the estimates would be forward to the board.

Mike Blaisdell then presented figures for the 2021 Budget. The figures constituted the 'overhead' assessments based on the BLSG costs excluding the adulticide operations, and so are significantly lower than the normal assessments. As follows:

Brandon	\$25,977
Leicester	\$15,765
Salisbury	\$16,303
Goshen	\$ 9,226

Pittsford

\$22304

The amount available for larviciding is limited to the State grant of \$70,000.

Paul Vaczy asked whether Salisbury had been treated this year, and Will Mathis said that there had been several treatments.

Steve Belcher object to this formulation of the budget, noting that the BLSG had been constituted by the town to carry out adulticiding of mosquitoes.

On a question about the State grant, Jeff Whiting noted that the grant requires a 25% in-kind match from the recipient. This is provided by the labor and other services offered by the BLSG; there is no attempt to translate this into proportional town assessments.

On a question from Paul Vaczy, 'overhead' was explained as everything but actually doing the work.

Richard Russ asked about the funds for the larviciding grant; there are \$11,000 available for this quarter under the State's new budgeting rules. Funds cannot be carried over into the next fiscal year, but can be used to buy materials to be used in the future.

Wayne Rausenberger entered a question about the ideas and procedures behind this presentation of the budget.

Zoom then cut the meeting short without a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Belcher