

BLSG Special Meeting
3 September 2020
Approved Minutes

This Special Meeting was a continuation of the regular meeting of Aug. 20, cut short by Zoom time limits. It resumed with the agenda items not covered on Aug. 20, and without other formalities.

Present:

Board members: Michael Blaisdell, Richard Russ, Doug Perkins, Jeff Schumann, Jeff Whiting, Steve Belcher

BLSG Associates: Will Mathis, Jay Michael

Guests: Bruce Baccei, Wayne Rausenberger, Mr. Baker

The meeting was called to order and introductions of those present were made.

1. Treasurer's Report

Will Mathis had included in an email with his operations report a statement of bills presented and paid.

All bills have been paid. Jeff Whiting had reviewed them and signed off. It was suggested that someone else should review them in the next cycle. Patti Casey will send a budget review and a statement of the funds available from the State grant.

The report was approved.

2. The 2021 Budget

Mike Blaisdell suggested a committee should be appointed to review the next year's budget. There were questions about the use of current funds from the State grant: to buy larvicide or spare parts for the larviciding equipment (maintenance of the Argo does not fall under the grant). The consensus was that for the moment the money should go to the larvicidal products, until the mosquitoes are frozen.

3. Public Relations

Will Mathis noted that the current Operations Report, with some changes, would be the next Brandon Buzz.

4. New Business

Steve Belcher raised the question of the procedures for finding a replacement for the accountant, Eloise Crane. Jeff Whiting explained that the quote Brad Lawes had obtained from the company that handles payroll for Lawes Ag. should be considered a sort of baseline for cost, while the BLSG continued to search for a replacement. The skills required include managing Quickbooks accounting, payroll management, and reporting to the State. The estimate received by Brad was a menu of options with associated costs.

Responding to a comment from Mike Blaisdell, Doug Perkins wondered why next year's budget

is expected to be smaller. Mike answered that the towns wouldn't have the money. Doug responded with a question of the need for the services.

Jeff Whiting noted that there would be feedback, and that the Board includes Select Board members who can report on the towns' situation.

Mike Blaisdell reported an email from Patti Casey, with the news that the State grant funding at \$70,000 for larviciding is assured, without carry forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom or with limited attendance at the Stephen Douglas House.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Belcher