



**Seminole County Mosquito Control
Regular Meeting of the
Advisory Board**
Bldg 149 Bush Loop, 5-Points
Sanford, Florida 32773
January 10, 2008
10:00 AM
MINUTES



Call to Order

10:05 a.m. by Horvath

1) Roll Call / Report

Present:

Edward Horvath, Mosquito Control Program Manager

Reinforced the importance of the Cities providing information to us regarding larvacide sites.

Alan Hill, City of Winter Springs

In process of obtaining information on larvacide sites.

Steve Spenser, City of Casselberry

Has not received any mosquito related calls.

Ryan Spinella, City of Longwood

Working on obtaining GIS mapping for the County, and will provide a link to our website.

David Dovan, City of Lake Mary

Mike Insley, City of Altamonte Springs

Has not received any mosquito related calls.

Marie Duffy, on behalf of Bilal Iftikhar, City of Sanford

Absent:

Vincent Peluso, City of Oviedo

Also Present:

Shari Holt, Mosquito Control Program Specialist

Lakshmi Sankaran, GIS Analyst

Addressed the Board regarding GIS mapping of mosquito sources. The Cities can forward any data available and the County will convert any file.

2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Spinella and seconded by Hill. 7 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 1 absent.

Motion passed.

3) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Spinella and seconded by Hill. 7 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 1 absent.

Motion passed.

4) Old Business

i) Operating procedures for Mosquito Control Program

Horvath spoke to the Board regarding the Resolution amending the Administrative Code and including the Mosquito Control Advisory Committee. After the resolution is signed, a copy will be sent to all City Councils. Also discussed was the need for input from the Cities in developing a set of policies and procedures for Seminole County Mosquito Control (before summer). Horvath and Spinella agreed to a future meeting to discuss.

ii) Information needed from cities

(1) Larva sources

The board discussed the Tire Amnesty day. Several Cities posted information on their websites regarding the same. Horvath discussed that possibly future budgets could include disposal of tires for the Cities and County.

(a) Maps

Lakshmi Sankaran addressed the Board regarding the importance of the County obtaining GIS data for use in mapping various mosquito sources. The County will convert any data that the Cities make available to her.

iii) Status of Program

(1) Positions

Horvath stated that the two (2) Team Leader positions should be filled this week. He hopes that in the future this Board will be a part of the interview/hiring process for new employees.

Horvath stated that the Countywide Mosquito Control is a full time program, utilizing 4 full-time employees for year round operations and several temporary, seasonal positions to conduct control operations during the "heavy mosquito" season. In the future, it may be justified to increase the staffing, however this phase in approach will bring any additional needs to light.

Currently the separate city programs utilize people to conduct mosquito control activities as additional task to their jobs. The program was presented to the JCCAC, BCC and all Cities as a dedicated program; that due to the scientific nature of the proposed program, the positions would not be spread out among other programs.

This Committee recommends that we make sure that the mosquito control program maintains dedicated positions. The Cities are expecting that since the County will be conducting mosquito control Countywide, that the programs positions are not pulled away to do non-mosquito control related activities.

Concern was presented by Spenser that the Countywide Program would not be as responsive as the separate City Programs. Horvath reiterated that there are 3 full time, dedicated field positions for mosquito control. There are more than 100 hours dedicated to mosquito control field operations a week, year round. During the time that the Cities are typically conducting mosquito operations, there will be more than 400 hours per week dedicated to mosquito control. Currently the Cities are averaging 3-10 hours per week for mosquito control. The Program that the County has implemented will cover more ground than has ever been covered in Seminole County. The

Countywide Program will treat far more areas for larvae than is being treated now by the Cities and County contractor combined. Over the next two year phase in period, additional field staff will be employed, during the typically high mosquito season. After the phase in period, we will have the data collected to be able to justify additional positions if needed.

In addition to the field operations, we now have a full time, dedicated customer service line for all mosquito complaints (Incorporated and unincorporated). Seminole County Mosquito Control will take all calls and be able to not only take a message but also able to answer technical questions. All staff who receives mosquito complaints will be licensed through the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (DACS) to ensure that questions are answered as accurately as possible.

(2) State Approval

The County is in the process of obtaining State approval; a certified copy of the budget needs to be submitted (approx. 09/2008). An Operating Plan will be submitted to the State by July 2008.

5) New Business

i) Consolidated Program Outlook

In general, the Cities agreed that they are taking the "wait and see" approach to the program. Prompt customer service is a concern for all Cities. Horvath states that the County policy requires a response within 48 hours. This may be an inspection or treatment. The City of Sanford states that they are currently focusing on midge control, with mosquito control limited to a 2 mile radius.

ii) Customer Service and Work Orders

Sanford was not aware that service requests should be routed to the County; she will forward all information to the County. If the City decides to fog an area, they will report that information to the County. The Customer service number was provided. In general the Cities are familiar with the form of the work orders as well as the procedures regarding the same.

Adjournment

Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Next Regular Meeting: February 14, 2008, at 10:00 A.M.