



**Seminole County Mosquito Control
Regular Meeting of the
Advisory Board**
Bldg 149 Bush Loop, 5-Points
Sanford, Florida 32773
April 17, 2008
10:00 AM
MINUTES



Call to Order

10:10 a.m. by Horvath

1) Roll Call / Report

Present:

Mike Insley, City of Altamonte Springs
Requests follow-ups to work orders.

Steve Spencer, City of Casselberry
No report.

David Dovan, City of Lake Mary
No report.

Alan Hill, City of Winter Springs
Requests follow-ups to work orders. Due to budget issues, the City will no longer be spraying for special events; there are no special events budgeted. Asked whether Seminole County is receiving weekly mosquito counts from Clarke. Horvath stated that he does not believe they are sending weekly reports.

Vincent Peluso, City of Oviedo
No report

Bob Langley, on behalf of Ryan Spinella, City of Longwood
Has fogged a few wooded areas, trying to keep the mosquitoes at bay. Will show Horvath the areas of concern after the meeting.

Edward Horvath, Mosquito Control Program Manager

Also Present:

Karl Henry, Environmental Health Manager, Seminole County Health Department

Shari Holt, Program Specialist, SCMC
No report

Absent:

Bilal Iftikhar, City of Sanford

2) Approval of the Agenda

Horvath asked to remove several items from the printed agenda.
Motion to approve agenda as amended by Hill and seconded by Peluso. 7 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 1 absent.
Motion passed.

3) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of march 13, 2008 with amendment to paragraph 5, subsection ii, by Hill and seconded by Peluso. 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 1 absent. **Motion passed.**

4) Old Business

i) Response Plans

(1) Arbo-Virus Response Plan

Horvath sees no reason to deviate from the State Response Plan. Henry agreed that there is no reason to reinvent the wheel. Horvath asked that the Health Department provide safety training at least semi-annually regarding needle and other safety issues. Horvath and Henry agreed that in the case of an outbreak of avian influenza, sentinel chicken testing will be suspended.

(2) Hurricane Response

ii) Consolidated Program Outlook

Seminole County Mosquito Control has presented their proposed amendment to the budget. According to Gary Johnson, County Public Works Director, this proposal looked good, but with the current tax cut situation countywide, he told Horvath that although this budget change should not be brought to the BCC. Horvath asked Mr. Johnson about the outlook for the Mosquito Control Program and Horvath was told that since this Program is a product of the BCC, the Program will not be cut from the budget.

5) New Business

i) Funding the Program

Peluso asked about dedicated funding for Mosquito Control, countywide. Horvath stated that this Advisory Committee was established to implement Mosquito Control countywide and that establishing dedicated funding should be at the top of the list of priorities. The general consensus of all representatives was that the Program needs to have a dedicated funding source. In addition, the resident's cost of the program should not exceed the current costs of the County and Cities combined (approximately \$1,000,000).

Horvath and Peluso discussed the need for the Program to be independent, such as being established as a Special Taxing District in regards to Mosquito Control (Chapter 388, F.S.). Horvath stated that this may be a complicated and potentially impossible process, but could solve the funding issue. (Mosquito Control Districts, as a Special Taxing District, is governed by Ch388F.S.) Horvath is not sure if a new Special District can even be formed. Horvath believes that an MSTU would have to be implemented. If this is a possibility, it cannot cost residents more than they are currently paying. It was asked if County and City property owners all contributed to County taxes and if so, why are the Cities being double taxed; City residents pay for Mosquito Control within the City and also pay County tax, which is used to treat only unincorporated areas.

Horvath and Peluso will meet in order to discuss an action plan to be brought to the June MCAC meeting.

ii) Scheduled Advisory Board Meetings

Horvath suggested the possibility that the Advisory board meeting be held every other month during peak mosquito season, barring any emergencies or urgent needs. The Cities were in agreement to this.

6) Adjournment

Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:48 A.M.

Next Tentative Regular Meeting: May 8, 2008, at 10:00 A.M.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: June 12, 2008, at 10:00 A.M.