



**Seminole County Mosquito Control
Regular Meeting of the
Advisory Board**
Bldg 149 Bush Loop, 5-Points
Sanford, Florida 32773
October 9, 2008
10:00 AM
MINUTES



Call to Order

10:05 a.m. by Horvath

1) Roll Call / Report

Present:

Mike Insley, City of Altamonte Springs

Insley stated that he has received several additional mosquito related calls directly to the City that were not forwarded to the County on his employer's instruction. Horvath stated that he would like a copy of these work orders, Insley stated that the information would be provided as soon as possible.

Steve Spencer, City of Casselberry

There have been new reports of green pools forwarded from City of Casselberry Code Enforcement to the County. Horvath stated that these work orders will be forwarded to the health Dept., as the County and Health Dept. are working together due to the increased number of foreclosed homes and green pools.

Ryan Spinella, City of Longwood

Spinella stated that he still needs to complete his zone maps and forward to the County.

Pat Luczak on behalf of Vincent Peluso, City of Oviedo

Had previous questions regarding no-sprays within the City limits. Horvath stated that the County has implemented a reverse 911 system, which will be discussed in detail later in the Board meeting.

Edward Horvath, Mosquito Control Program Manager

Horvath asked the other Board members if they had additional input, or additions to the agenda at this time. There were no suggestions as to additions to the agenda at this time. Horvath asked if anyone felt they had no or little input regarding their positions in this Committee. All members stated that they felt they were fairly represented.

Also Present:

Shari Holt, Program Specialist, SCMC
No report

Karl Henry, Seminole County Health Department

Absent:

Bilal Iftikhar, City of Sanford
Alan Hill, City of Winter Springs
Dave Dovan, City of Lake Mary

1) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Spinella and seconded by Spencer. 5 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 3 absent. **Motion passed.**

2) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of September 11, 2008 by Spencer and seconded by Spinella. 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 3 absent. **Motion passed.**

3) Old Business

i. Non Target pesticide affects prevention

Horvath stated that he had spent several days at a training session regarding this particular topic and has learned new ways to avoid non-targeted species and to maintain data for preventing the assumptions that mosquito control affects all insect species. Horvath asked the Cities their input on responsibility of beekeepers to protect their hives. The Cities and Health Dept. agreed that it is the responsibility of the beekeepers to inform the County of the locations of their hives, so the proper precautions can be taken to protect the bees and/or any other non target species. Insley stated that he is aware of locations of non domestic beehives within the City that could be removed and possibly used for testing purposes, Insley and Horvath agreed to work together on methods to remove some of them.

ii. Aerial Operations SOP

Horvath stated that since the County has implemented aerial adulticiding and larvaciding, there needs to be an SOP in place in case of emergency. It was agreed that the Cities need to know who to contact in case they are unable to contact the County. Horvath stated that there should be a written SOP in place, and will contact the aerial contractor for his SOP and forward the same to the Cities. Spinella and Henry agreed to assist each other in establishing a protocol for the SOP. Horvath will contact other counties to check on the status of their SOP and gather information on same and provide it to Spinella and Henry by the end of December.

4) New Business

i. Policy/Procedure--Budget

Horvath stated that any changes to the SCMC budget need to be presented to the Commissioners by January or February. Any City input needs to be received by the County by December. Horvath will provide the five (5) year plan to the Cities as well as any other changes to the budget this December 2008.

ii. Reverse 911

Horvath stated that the reverse 911 system is in place. Residents that wish to be included in the system need to contact the County. The resident's phone number will be used as their identifier, and the system activated according to zip codes. The system can be activated by phone from any location. There are currently a couple dozen residents in the system.

iii. Sentinel Chicken Testing

Henry inquired as to the removal of the sentinel chickens from the Apopka site. Horvath stated that this was done at the request of the resident, and the chickens are now located at the 5 Point Complex in Sanford. Horvath stated that he would like to have additional sites next year, ideally with one in an area with migratory birds, possibly on the northern side of the County. Horvath inquired as to the testing schedule for next year. Henry stated that the testing schedule he believes will remain the same, March through October, but testing may become year-round in the future.

Horvath stated that he is in the process of trying to get the Surveillance technician position approved for the FY 2009-10 budget.

iv. Arbo-Virus testing

Horvath stated that the County would like to conduct additional testing for SLE and EEE in-house. Horvath stated this would be more cost effective in the long run. Henry stated that he would not oppose additional arbo-virus testing.

v. Post Storm

Horvath requested information from the Cities regarding additional monies and labor involved in spraying due to Tropical Storm Fay. There is a possibility that the State can reimburse the Cities due to the additional labor associated with TS Fay. Horvath stated that the only City that has provided information to the County is the City of Oviedo.

Conversation at Adjournment

Insley stated that he needs clarification on County termed "sites". Insley would like to know what is considered a site, and what exactly the County is treating. Insley stated that he has received more calls and sprayed more this year than in the past three (3) years. Horvath stated that a "site" is a location that is determined to produce mosquitoes. It is mapped and scheduled for routine inspection and re-treatment as necessary. Spencer stated that he sprays based upon numerous resident calls in a particular area. Insley stated that in a recent conversation with Clarke Mosquito Control, he was told by Clarke that Clarke sprayed if the traps contained twenty-five (25) mosquitoes. Horvath explained that comparing our program to what was conducted by Clarke is comparing apples and chocolate. Horvath stated that the spraying should be based upon landing and trap counts, and that it is in violation of Chapter 388 FS to be spraying based upon resident complaints alone. The County's program is not a complaint based program; it was directed to be a science-based, State approved Program. The County uses the service requests to focus control efforts, both larval control and adult control. Horvath requested that he receive all calls/service requests, when requested, in order to track down the problem. A lot of our sites are mapped based off of resident provided information.

Horvath stated that additional traps placed within the Cities limits would be helpful. All Cities and County agreed to work together on this mutual effort. The Cities would provide a location and collect the samples. The County will provide the trap supplies. Samples can be counted by the City and sporatically sent to the County for identification or virus surveillance. Horvath stated that in order for this to be effective, the traps should be set out on the same night. Insley agreed that the additional trap counts would be helpful in determining how the City and County should proceed. Luczak stated that he believed the City of Oviedo already has a couple of traps available. Horvath stated that data collected from trap locations will benefit the Cities and County in many ways; mosquito population baselines, possible disease surveillance, and efficiency of the long term program. There is currently no reliable, historical data for mosquito populations, and this project is essential for the consolidated approach. Horvath will work on the logistics.

Adjournment

Horvath adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: November 13, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

