



**Seminole County Mosquito Control
Regular Meeting of the
Advisory Board**
Bldg 149 Bush Loop, 5-Points
Sanford, Florida 32773
January 08, 2009
10:00 AM
MINUTES



Call to Order

10:10 a.m. by Horvath

1) Roll Call / Report

Present:

Mike Insley, City of Altamonte Springs
No report.

Steve Spencer, City of Casselberry
No report.

David Dovan, City of Lake Mary
No report.

Ryan Spinella, City of Longwood
No report.

Bilal Iftikhar and Marie Duffy, City of Sanford
No report.

Alan Hill, City of Winter Springs
No report.

Karl Henry, Health Department
No report.

Edward Horvath, Mosquito Control Program Manager

Reported that the County is still working on its new budget with copies to be provided to the Cities.

Also Present:

Mike Page, DACS

Shari Holt, Program Specialist, SCMC
No report

Albert English, Division Manager, No report.

Absent:

David Waller, City of Oviedo

2) Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Spencer and seconded by Duffy. 8 yes, 0 abstain, 1 absent.

Motion passed.

3) Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Hill and seconded by Dovan. 8 yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 1 absent.

Motion passed.

4) Old Business

i) Trap locations/set-up

The County stated that they are in the process of building the traps, which will be ready to place in the next couple months. They will be battery operated and CO2 baited, and will work on a timer.

ii) Facility needs

Addressed by Mike Page, DACS in new business.

iii) Customer Service Survey

Emails have been sent to residents that have emailed the County for mosquito control related inquiries. Surveys will be mailed by USPS to all residents that have contacted the County in regards to mosquito control shortly.

iv) Additional pesticides needed post storm

DACS has approved providing chemicals to Cities in case of emergency, as long as equipment is calibrated at County facility.

5) New Business

i) Presentation from Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Mike Page, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, stated that the County and the Cities are moving in the right direction with consolidation of programs. DACS has recently conducted an audit of the County to create better use of funds, resources, etc...

DACS has determined that there are several key points that need to be addressed. Those include:

- ✓ Facility issues--The County needs better control over and vehicle chemical storage. Space is needed for a surveillance program; a laboratory where mosquito trap counts, speciation and disease and pesticide testing is to be performed.
- ✓ Justification for spraying--DACs stated that the Cities and the County cannot rely on complaint calls alone. If that is the case, there really is no mosquito control and the program is in violation of Ch388FS. A control program relies on surveillance (landing rates, trap counts, etc...) to control disease carrying mosquitoes. DACS stated that disease carrying mosquitoes aren't always noticed, and complaint calls may not target

these mosquitoes, causing the species to gain a foothold in the area. The discovery and mapping of breeding sites is a great starting point.

- ✓ Mosquito Trapping/surveillance--The County needs to establish a minimal surveillance program, increasing trapping sites and increasing to a minimum surveillance levels. The current surveillance conducted by the County is below the minimum needed; Horvath's proposal for a Surveillance Technician will provide the minimum surveillance needed to comply with Ch388FS and FAC 5E-13.
- ✓ Storage/Organization--Other County Storage needs to be cleaned up; there are boxes, etc in the warehouse with the boats that pose a serious safety hazard. This will cause problems, especially if a pesticide spill occurs.

Mr. Page stated that they will review the findings from the audit will be completing the report by early next week. DACS will include any information from the City inspections as an addendum to their report.

Mr. Page also explained that the Seminole County's Mosquito Control Program is the talk of the State. The Program is the poster child for a new District as far as establishing a sustainable District. He stated that the inspectors are thrilled with the progress thus far. He expressed that he was pleased with Horvath's Program.

ii) **Mosquito ID class**

The Mosquito ID class has been scheduled for February 4, 2009, from 8:30-4:30pm at the 5 Points Complex in building 149. Anyone interested in sending a representative should email the name to Horvath.

iii) **IPM Class**

The Integrated Pest Management seminar has been scheduled for January 21, 2009, from 2:00-3:00pm, also in building 149, 5 Points Complex. Contact Horvath if interested in attending.

Adjournment

Horvath adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Next Regular Meeting: February 12, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.