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TO: GLASGOW MOSQUITO BOARD

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**Glasgow Mosquito Board  
Wednesday, May 29, 2019  
Community Room, Valley County Courthouse**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norm Girard, Jack Schye, Al Franzen, Jodi Faul

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Jim Ward

OTHERS PRESENT: Stone Tihista, Weed and Mosquito Coordinator, Leanne Fontaine, Secretary, County Commissioners John Fahlgren and Paul Tweten

The meeting was called to order at 4:58 p.m. by Chairman Norm Girard.

Chairman Girard called for public comment. No public in attendance. During this comment period the Commissioners handed out a copy of the Montana Code Annotated 2017 General Provisions governing boards. It was noted that there needs to be a date, time, and place of regularly scheduled meeting. At each meeting the claims for the month also need to be reviewed.

The board members reviewed the agenda with one addition.

The minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections or additions, **Jodi moved to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes, seconded by Jack. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Stone gave some highlights of her trip to Orlando Florida where she attended the American Mosquito Control Association. The travel expenses were within the amount that was approved for the trip.

Some of what she came away with:

- learned that the decline in bee population is not due solely to mosquito control
- aerial spraying with the use of drones is the new and upcoming solution to mosquito control in hard to get places
- Tick Borne Diseases have nothing to do with mosquito control, but the fact of the matter is that tick diseases are becoming more of a concern. They can cause some serious health problems just like mosquito diseases.
- This meeting is so far above and beyond what is happening in the real world. It is imperative to keep ourselves educated about what is happening around us and the world.
- The private tour of the local Seminole County Mosquito District was outstanding. They fight to find every dollar they can find thru grants and taxes. They raise chickens to draw blood from once a week to see if any mosquito disease populations are showing up. Adulticiding is the last resort for a control method. They use jet engine size machines to spray vegetation to control mosquitoes in areas they cannot get into.
- And so much more.

Stone is starting a private lawn care and mosquito spraying business. The lawn care business entails fertilizing lawns and spraying general weeds in the lawn. The private mosquito spraying is for spraying or treating mosquitos outside of the mosquito district which is around farms, local subdivisions, and other small towns. This service provides help to folks outside of the Glasgow Mosquito District. There has not been any business in the area that has provide this service of help besides one. Items of concern discussed were conflict of interest and inventory. Stone is to have a written policy to cover the operation of her business to the commissioners by Monday, June 3.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chemical inventory – Ran thru the list of chemical inventories on hand. We will be using a new product this season called Duplex and we extra Malathion in stock. We will use the Malathion on the outskirts of Glasgow around heavy mosquito infested ponds, fields and drainage areas. For example, we would fog out by the cattails near the Wimmer's place and the alfalfa field south of the river. No residents' homes or farms will be treated. Plus, Malathion has an odor and it causes mosquitos to go into a feeding friendzee.

Summer plans – Continue our program of adulticiding and larvaciding as we have been. Plan on trying some new products this season for longer control. Working with landowners to find the low stops in fields and treat those areas that breed mosquitos. We will use the trackster this season and evaluate its usefulness, after the seasons over we will determine if we should keep it or not. We will continue to fog the whole town as usual and include extra spraying of the ditches, parks and ball fields when

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mosquitoes are bad. Norm asked about spraying at Smith Park. Stone will check to make sure that is being done.

New fogger update – The new fogger purchased from Van Diest did not work out. The size of the new pump box is too small to put the old pump in. There was no way to transfer the old pump onto the new machine. Stone made the decision to send it back. Stone requested to purchase the same machine we bought two years ago from the Adapco Company. By doing this, all that has to be done is to pull the old machine out, install the new one and plug it in. **Jodi moved to purchase new fogger from Adapco, second by Jack. Motion carried.**

New pressure washer was purchased from John Deere for \$731. Would the mosquito board be willing to split the cost with weed district? **Jodi moved to split the cost of the new pressure washer, second by Jack. Motion carried.**

Norm Braaten, Byron Hallock, and David Rexhausen attended the meeting in Miles City this spring. They all enjoyed it and gained some knowledge. The drone demonstration was a big hit with everybody. Board members directed Stone to contact Bill Reynolds for a drone presentation in Glasgow. Paul brought up that fact that MACO does not provide insurance coverage for drones. Question was asked regarding the need for a license. Further research needs to be done.

The following claims were approved by Valley County Commissioners and Stone Tihista.

2205-39-440700- Mosquito February 2019		
AMCA	Registration AMCA - Florida	\$ 435.00
American Airlines	Trip Protector insurance	\$ 31.59
American Airlines rnd trip	Rapid City/Florida AMCA	\$ 486.00
Ezzie's	fuel	\$ 116.60
Hotel Arvon	1 night stay Great Falls	\$ 118.63
MDU	utility	\$ 116.13
MT View Co-op, Gt Falls	fuel	\$ 53.48
NorthWestern Energy	utility 12/20 - 1/23	\$ 28.43

2205-39-440700- Mosquito March 2019		
MDU	utility	\$ 46.19
Nemont Telephone	utility	\$ 30.56

2205-39-440700- Mosquito April 2019		
Broadwater County	CDC mini-light traps	\$ 440.38
Ezzie's	fuel	\$ 39.06
MDU	utility	\$ 66.96
MT Dep. of Environ. Quality	pesticide annual fee	\$ 18.75
Northwestern Energy	utility	\$ 29.11
postage	postage	\$ 0.12
T & R Trucking	qtr garbage fee	\$ 24.00
Visa - Buena Vista	Water	\$ 5.90
Visa - Buena Vista	Water had been pd for	\$ (5.90)
Visa - Buena Vista	Florida motel AMCA	\$ 731.20
Visa - Baggage Claim	Am. Airlines	\$ 60.00

The following claims were approved and signed by board members present.

2205-39-440700- Mosquito May 2019		
Glasgow Courier	ads summer laborers	\$ 35.00
MDU	utility	\$ 27.65
Markle's	elbow insert & 3V Lith battery	\$ 9.58
Northwestern Energy	utility	\$ 14.43
O'Reilly Auto Parts	cargo straps, copper plug, motor oil, filter, vacuum caps	\$ 104.19

Jack moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Jodi. Motion carried.

Next meeting Thursday, June 20, at 4:00 p.m. Community Room, Valley County Courthouse.

  
Norm Girard, Chairman

  
Stone Tihista, Supervisor