

**MINUTES OF THE 440th MEETING
OF THE STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION
HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE DEP BUILDING, 501 EAST
STATE STREET, TRENTON, NJ**

January 18, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Sarnas, Daniel Konczyk, Dr. Kenneth Bruder, Dr. Kristen Janusz, Mark Mayer, Tony Petrongolo, Robert Kent, Secretary and Claudia O'Malley, Technical Advisor. Mr. Emerson was out-of-state. Mr. Surmay was unable to attend. Dr. Robson was overseas and Dr. Van Orden had to miss the meeting for personal business.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Lisa Reed, Dr. Lena Brattsten, Scott Crans, Steve Csorgo and Michelle McGuinness.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sarnas called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Kent called the roll.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Secretary Kent reported that on January 3, 2011 the Secretary of State was sent an announcement for the September meeting to be held at 501 East State Street, Trenton, NJ. A copy of the announcement was also sent to the Newark Star Ledger, the Asbury Park Press, the Associated Press, the Atlantic City Press, the Bridgeton Evening News, the NJDEP Press Office and the NJDEP Office of Communication and Legislation in compliance with P.L. 1975, c. 231.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2010 MEETING

Mr. Mayer moved and Dr. Bruder seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The members approved the motion unanimously. Mr. Konczyk abstained from the vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

12/03/10 Correspondence from Robert Kent to Robert Gogats, Public Health Coordinator for the Burlington County Health Department. Ref.: Follow up to December meeting on the county's mosquito control program.

12/09/10 Correspondence from Robert Kent to Fana Campbell, Grants and Contracts Administration Program; Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at Rutgers University. Ref.: Two final copies of the service contracts for the Adult Statewide Surveillance Program and the Vector Surveillance Program.

- 12/13/10 Correspondence to Claudia O'Malley from Jennifer Gruener, Warren County Mosquito Commission. Ref.: Recent inspection and needed repairs on John Deere 350 bulldoze backhoe.
- 12/14/10 Correspondence to Claudia O'Malley from Heather Lomberk, Superintendent of Cumberland County Mosquito Control Program. Ref.: Invoice for repair to freezer.
- 01/03/10 Correspondence to the Secretary of State from Robert Kent. Ref.: Meeting dates for 2011.
- 01/03/10 Correspondence to Larry Ragonese, DEP Press Officer, from Robert Kent. Ref.: Meeting dates for 2011.
- 01/03/10 Correspondence to Veronica Moore, Office of Communication/Legislation, from Robert Kent. Ref.: Meeting dates for 2011.
- 01/03/10 Correspondence to the Secretary of State from Robert Kent. Ref.: Meeting announcement for the January meeting of the Commission.
- 01/03/10 Memo to Commission members from Robert Kent. Ref.: Meeting announcement for the January meeting of the Commission.
- 01/06/10 Memo to the SMCC Equipment Committee from Claudia O'Malley. Ref.: Items for consideration at the January meeting of the Commission.
- 01/07/10 Correspondence from Robert Kent to Fana Campbell, Grants and Contracts Administration Program; Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at Rutgers University. Ref.: Copies of the service contracts for Dr. Brattsten's Monitoring of Insecticides for Mosquito Control and the contract titled "Surveillance Data Standardization and Assurance Pilot."
- 01/10/10 Memorandum from Robert Kent to Jagjit Sethi, Management and Budget Office. Ref.: Voucher paying Department of Health for testing services from the lab.
- 01/11/10 Memo from Robert Kent to Dave Barth, Director, N.J.D.E.P. Division of Financial Management, Planning and General Services. Ref.: Request to replace a vehicle used for the mosquito specimen courier service.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statement was distributed and reviewed. The Secretary noted the changes, which included two payments for the toll-free number and a renewal of the committee's subscription to the Legislative Index. He said that in the coming months, a new line item will probably appear under Administration for public notices. Secretary Kent has been discussing the public notices

with DAG Michael Schuit, who recommended the commission pay to place the notices in some newspapers. Chairman Sarnas had some concerns about the expense of doing so. The issue will go to the budget committee for a recommendation. Repairs to a rotary excavator in Atlantic County and a freezer in Cumberland County have been noted. Support has been given to the Vector Surveillance Program for the construction and purchase of 40 resting boxes. A memorandum-of-agreement with Atlantic County encumbered \$9,500 for the courier. Professional Services payments were made to Cape May County for services throughout the course of the year; to Fish and Wildlife for the mosquito fish program and to Morris County for the courier service. A payment was also sent to the Department of Health for testing done over the course of the year to the amount of \$137,697. Dr. Bruder moved and Mr. Mayer seconded a motion to accept the financial statement. All members approved.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

The Secretary reviewed several documents that he distributed. Included were: an article from “Emerging and Infectious Diseases” on *Culiseta melanura*, which has the most frequent isolation of EEE; an article from the “Journal of the Society of Vector Ecology” that reviews the failure of methoprene to have an impact on non-target organisms; a registration form for the annual NJMCA meeting in Atlantic City and an invoice for membership for NJMCA. The Secretary said he received correspondence regarding the capital budget submission. It was noted that counties no longer ask for as much equipment from the Commission as they once did. Eric Williges, Superintendent of the Essex County Division of Mosquito Control, sent a notice that the new officers of the Associated Executives of Mosquito Control Work in New Jersey. They are: president Greg Williams of Hudson County, vice president John Kranz of Middlesex County, treasurer Peter Bosak of Cape May County, and secretary Eric Williges of Essex County. The Secretary updated the commission regarding the Clean Water Act, which will require the state to develop a pesticide elimination discharge permit. The deadline for counties to obtain a permit is April 11. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 28, the department will have public hearing on the issue. On Friday, the Secretary had a telephone conversation with Dennis Mahoney, General Supervisor of the Salem County Mosquito Commission, regarding a resolution that, if adopted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will dissolve the Salem County Mosquito Commission.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL ADVISOR

Earlier, Dr. Bruder had asked about the Airspray Program. Ms. O’Malley said the contracts for the program are set to expire on May 31. Last week, she received a proposal, which she is reviewing in preparation for sending out a bid for new contracts. This year, the language of the contracts will allow bidders to bid on only one line item. Formerly, if they bid on one, they had to bid on them all. Ms. O’Malley plans to distribute comprehensive information packets to county representatives who participate in the State Airspray Program at the February Associated Executives meeting. She will still work one-on-one with some counties who take advantage of the services provided by that program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative- No report.

Equipment – Dr. Bruder said the committee received a request from the Warren County Mosquito Commission for repairs to the John Deere 350C Bulldozer Backhoe. The county is requesting \$4,927.88 for repairs, which includes tracks, hydraulics and operators station work. The county requested that their \$1,000 deductible be waived, as the equipment operator has done most of the

work. The committee recommended approval of the request and waiver. Mr. Konczyk moved and Mr. Mayer seconded a motion to accept the report. The members approved it unanimously.

Research and Development – No report.

Budget – No report.

Public Relations – No report.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES

Dr. Janusz reported that there is no new domestic data to report, but the department is working on some imported disease data. The CDC is requesting all finalized “ARBONET” data by Feb. 25. The CDC has an overstock of many of its brochures. Dr. Janusz said the department will receive two versions of West Nile Virus brochures. There will be no Vector Borne Disease Working Group meeting in January. The working group’s next meeting will be Feb. 25. Dr. Bruder asked how the brochures will be distributed. Dr. Janusz said she will consult Ms. Semple.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. Mayer said the department will have a Bio-Control Program copepod meeting with Ms. O’Malley on Feb. 8. The program will expand and become more operational. Mr. Mayer reported that there should be a down-sized gypsy moth program this year. There was also an announcement for a new entomologist position; the posting ended last week.

NEW JERSEY AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Mr. Crans said the mosquito biology program is up and running. It will run until June 1. There are perhaps 8 students registered for the class. It includes 7 lectures, 7 field-trips and a full week of mosquito identification. Registration is \$2,100 per student. Dr. Reed said she is working on the graphics and budget for the final report and next year’s proposal. Dr. Brattsten reported that she is working on completing the bio assays and looking at the toxicity of spinosad. She reported that the increase in the toxicity of spinosad is probably due to natural variability.

ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVES OF MOSQUITO CONTROL WORK IN NEW JERSEY

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Mr. Crans asked about the state of the mosquito control program in Sussex County. Mr. Kent said he and Chairman Sarnas met with the county administrator and the county health officer regarding their vacant superintendent position. He reported that the county has an extreme economic situation and the mosquito control program’s operation in the future is under consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.