**NMVCD 5-24-2023 Budget Committee Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman Glenn Maret on Wednesday, May 24th, 2023, at 6:38pm.

**Members Present:** Budget Committee: Glenn Maret, Pat Tolar, Jake Case, Smokey Joe Wightman, Kevin Gilbertson, Lenn Greer, Staff: Greg Barron, and Anita Baumgart Guest: Carma Barron

The Budget Committee Meeting was respectfully turned over to Budget Officer, Greg Barron.

**Budget Discussion and Approval:** Budget Officer, Greg Barron went over each line item of the budget explaining in detail.

**Board Action:** Lenn Greer moved to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Jake Case seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 to 0.

**Board Member renewals:** Greg informed the Board that Pat Tolar and Glenn Maret Board positions would be expiring soon. Both Pat and Glenn signed their letter of interest to resume their board member status for four more years.

**Board Action:** Lenn Greer moved to reappoint Pat Tolar and Glen Maret to resume their board member status. Smokey Joe Wightman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

**Mosquito Control Update:** Greg announced that the district is looking to hire 3 to 4 employees, 2 field technician interns and 1 adult surveillance/lab technician intern. Ashley Aguliera has returned until the end of June to train our new adult surveillance/lab technician interns. David Baumgart has returned for another season. Josiah Barron will not be returning for this 2023 mosquito season. Currently we have 4 applicants.

Greg updated the board that nuisance mosquitoes are keeping the district very busy in Irrigon and Boardman, due to the high-water levels of the Columbia River. Also, there is a large USFWS Refuge near Paterson, Washington with no mosquito control being conducted. With the high volume of adult biting Aedes mosquitoes, it was decided to bring our aerial contingency contractor VDCI to adulticide the Irrigon area (5,120 acres) on Monday evening on May 29th (*where the mosquitos are more* *problematic*) All aerial spraying activities are posted on Irrigon ICE and How’s it Going Irrigon FB pages.

**Facility Update:** Greg informed the board that we need to begin looking for an alternative location for our district’s facility. After much discussion it was decided to begin talks with the Port of Morrow about where we could relocate and possible grant opportunities that may be available through the Port of Morrow.

**Purchase of ULV Fogger:** Greg informed the board it is time to begin replacing ULV fogger equipment. The district is currently in need of a new fogger at present.

**Board Action:** Lenn Greer moved to purchase a new Cougar ULV Fogger up to $17,000.00. Jake Case seconded the motion. Motion passed 8 to 0.

**Next Budget Hearing Date:** TBA

**Meeting Adjourned:** Glenn Maret moved to adjourn the meeting, Smokey Joe Wightman and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Anita M Baumgart, Acting Secretary**