

## COOS COUNTY VECTOR ASSESSMENT & CONTROL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bandon Conference and Community Center (aka Bandon Barn)

1200 W 11<sup>th</sup> St. SW Bandon OR

SEPTEMBER 25, 2014

### 1. Roll Call & Approve Previous Minutes

Roger reviewed the 9/4/2014 and said they were fine. Minutes passed unanimously

Roll Call Shigeo Oku was absent; all other Members were present

Staff Report: Rick apologized for web site not being updated due to web site being updated. Trapping ongoing, some calls about mosquitoes but not in giant numbers. He mentioned that field crew states some breeding around Randolph Island. The numbers are down and Bti treatment is very effective. Nikki Harris mentioned that trap numbers really low, but may need to apply another round of Bti with the next high tide. Draining repairs are not done due to lack of funds. Nikki will continue to monitor for larvae through October.

Comment: There is some digging going on and about 10,000 channels left to do. About 400 to 1100 feet is being dug daily.

### 2. Chair Report on County Commissioner meeting of 9/16/14: Roger reviewed his meeting with the Commissioners which was also in the Bandon Western World Newspaper. He reports there were no public comments to speak of during this meeting. He reported to the Commissioners that a general outbreak has not occurred this year like it did last year. The mosquito magnets will be gathered up for the winter. The Committee is still working on the bat house project. The Commissioners are dedicated to making sure everything gets done, and will continue to work with USFW. He presented Dan Strap's proposal to them and the Commissioners thinks it is a good idea. A meeting should be set up to include Public Health, the Vector Committee and any other people with knowledge of the project. At this time, there are no future plans for the Vector Committee. The Commissioners thanked the Vector Committee for everything they have done. The Commissioners recognized that complaints have gone down and they have received fewer phone calls.

Don – Commented that he feels Commissioner Sweet made it impossible for public comment because of holding the public comment section first.

### 3. Bat House Program/Event Planning: Mark – commented that the bat program is still behind schedule, but ongoing.

4. Mapping Project Next Steps – Comments: The mapping project will come from the County. There is a need to get a group together to work on it. Vector Committee will continue to participate in Dan’s proposal. Dan commented he will be gone for a couple weeks, but has some leads on funding. Roger mentioned there is a plan to set up traps around the river, Winter Lake, Kentuck golf to see what the population of mosquitoes is during the winter

5. Public Comment –

Jim- states he lives across the marsh, and wanted to know what is going to happen next year. He doesn’t want to see a reoccurrence of last year’s mosquito issue. He mentioned the need to get the bat houses built and give them out next spring instead of this winter, to prevent them from being left sitting somewhere. He also commented that the mosquito magnets need to be collected. He would like to see some reporting on the marsh and status of trenches being dug thru the winter. He commented about funding abilities for next year. He also mentioned that it would be nice to have a monthly report or article on what’s going on.

Roger - open to any suggestions from the public and welcomed people to email their comments to him. He recommended public to write down their comments so that it can be copied for anyone who would like a copy. He mentioned the need to get meeting date/place to be published the week before the Vector Control Meeting to give people more time to participate. There have been some communication issues with getting notices in the newspaper.

Comment about getting permanent stations for magnets that land owner will maintained. Moving them will change the statistics. There could be up to 20 sites, but could be half of that number to get good statistics. The Vector Committee should be concerned about mosquitoes all over the county and not just one location. County will work with USFW to get commitment in place by mid April.

Comment: Person feels work done on trenches is wasted money; chemical applications are better than digging trenches. He feels all this work will be undone by Mother Nature. There are Concerns about monitoring stations on private property.

Comment: Bat houses should be weathered before first use. They should be left in open air so they will be friendlier to the bats.

6. Committee Member Comment: Dan – referred to flood of 1998 about dredging permits being issued to land owners their request was denied. It took several levels of government to get this done. He feels nothing will be done unless all government is involved.

Comment: Roland inquired about mrsa. Rick mentioned he receives some calls each month, but reports that mrsa reporting is not required.

Comment: County to look for funding for Dan's plan.

7. Next meeting set for October 23, 2014, same time and place. Agenda will include wrapping up last month projects; bat house plan review; ideals that Jim presented and others; How to be prepared for next year

Meeting adjourned