MINUTES

Present: Bohlen, Granger, Jemison, Morrill

1. Introductions of Board and Staff
   - The Board, Staff, and Assistant Attorney General Mark Randlett introduced themselves.
   - Staff present: Bryer, Connors, Couture, Patterson

2. Board Director Appointment
   Presentation By: Ann Gibbs, Director of Animal and Plant Health
   Action Needed: Discussion
   - Gibbs stated there has been a vacancy for the director position.
   - Randlett stated the board has two options. They can vote the candidate up or down or move into executive session to discuss further.
   - The Board was provided the candidate’s resume in advance of the meeting.
   - Gibbs stated the candidates were all very qualified. Morrill represented the Board on the hiring team. They made a unanimous decision to select Megan Patterson as the new Director of the Board of Pesticides Control.
   - Gibbs added that Patterson has a passion for this position and the program and it really came through in her responses. She also had a lot of forward thinking ideas and ways to move the program forward.
   - Morrill and the Board congratulated Patterson.

   o Granger/Jemison: Moved and seconded to appoint Megan Patterson as the new Director of the Board of Pesticides Control.
3. **Request from Integrated Pest Management Program for Funds for Mosquito Monitoring**

The Integrated Pest Management Program is requesting funds to assist with mosquito surveillance and identification, development of a GIS-based mosquito habitat mapping system, and continued outreach around vector-borne diseases.

**Presentation By:** Kathy Murray, IPM Specialist

**Action Needed:** Approve or Deny Request

- This topic was added to the agenda because of the timeliness of the funding. Murray provided a presentation on the project at the last meeting.
- Bohlen stated that the Board wants clear deliverables.
- Patterson stated that eventually with this research they would be able to create a model so that we would not need to respond in a reactive fashion if there was an outbreak. She added that they are trying to refine the model so it is more predictive of what will be upcoming.
- Patterson stated the Board has responsibilities to indicate where spraying is not to happen. The BPC needs to map those areas and have maps based on a strategic monitoring program.
- Jemison asked if this is a bad mosquito year. Murray indicated that monitoring does not begin until July.
- Jim Dill stated that he has not seen as many mosquitoes in some areas and that this has been a relatively dry year.
  - **Granger/Jemison: Moved and seconded to provide funding**
  - **In Favor: Unanimous**

Granger requested to add election of officers to the agenda.

- **Granger/Jemison: Moved and seconded for Morrill to continue for one year as Chair of the Board**
- **In Favor: Unanimous**

- **Morrill/Jemison: Moved and seconded for Bohlen to continue for one year as Vice Chair of the Board**
- **In Favor: Unanimous**

4. **Adjourn**

- **Granger/Morrill: Moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:20 am**
- **In Favor: Unanimous**