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**April 19, 2019
9:00 AM**

Room 101 Deering Building
32 Blossom Lane, Augusta, Maine

AGENDA

1. Introductions of Board and Staff

2. Minutes of the March 8, 2019 Board Meeting

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Amend and/or Approve

3. Continued Discussion of Funding to CDC for Mosquito Monitoring

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) coordinates state activities around preventing vector-borne diseases. As part of its responsibilities, the CDC coordinates mosquito and disease monitoring in Maine. The presence of mosquito-borne diseases and the species of vector mosquitoes present in Maine have been on the rise in recent years. Maine CDC and BPC entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013 to establish cooperation to conduct surveillance for mosquito-borne diseases to protect public health. At the March 8, 2019 meeting, Sara Robinson of the Maine CDC provided an overview of the trends and the state's monitoring program and the Board requested more information regarding funding. The Board will now discuss the information provided and discuss the possibility of increased BPC financial support for the 2019 season.

Presentation By: Sara Robinson, Program Director

Action Needed: Discussion and Determination if the Board Wishes to Increase Funding to CDC for Environmental Monitoring of Mosquitoes

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4. Funding for University of Maine Extension Manual Writer/PSEP Position

At the October 27, 2017 meeting, the Board voted to approve a \$65,000 grant to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension for a combined Pesticide Safety Education Program and Pesticide Applicator Training position for one year. As part of the approval, the Board requested that it revisit the grant in June every year to ensure funding for the state fiscal year (October 1-September 30). The Board will now discuss whether to provide this grant for the upcoming year.

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Discuss and Determine if the Board Wants to Fund this Grant

5. Discussion About the Use of Permethrin to Control Browntail Moth Within 50-250 feet of Marine Waters

Chapter 29, Section 5B states that only products with active ingredients approved by the Board may be used to control browntail moth within 50-250 feet of marine waters. After discussions over several meetings, the Board adopted a policy with a list of approved active ingredients on January 11, 2017. Following a discussion with the Board Director, Jeffrey Gillis, President of WellTree, Inc submitted a letter to the Board on April 1, 2019 raising several questions about the current list. The Board will now discuss Mr. Gillis' letter and determine whether action is warranted.

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Discuss and Determine if Current Policy Requires Modification

6. Continued Discussion About Development of Additional Functionality Within Existing MEPERLS Framework of Digital Inspection Flows and Digital Reports for Submission of Existing Applicator and Dealer End of Year Reports

At the March 8, 2019, the board discussed a request by staff for additional funding for the Maine Pesticide Enforcement, Registration and Licensing System (MEPERLS). Recommended enhancements include incorporating required reporting within the system, allowing dealers and applicators to report sales/use using in an online fillable with some capacity for auto-filling data; and replacing the current digital, but static, fillable PDFs used for the inspection process with tablet compatible interactive flows. The Board requested more information. The Board will now discuss the information provided by staff and determine whether to approve funding.

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Approve or disapprove funding for the proposed development effort

7. Discussion About Funding an Education Campaign Around IPM

Interest has been expressed interest in expanding public awareness of the Board and its function. An advertisement campaign has been suggested as a reasonable approach to this request. Given the breadth of directions this type of campaign might pursue, staff would like the Board to provide feedback on the type information it sees as valuable for the public. Staff would also like the Board to discuss potential avenues for education (i.e. electronic media, radio pieces, articles, etc).

Presentation By: Megan Patterson, Director

Action Needed: Discuss and provide guidance to staff

8. Correspondence

- a. Email and article from Jody Spear

9. Other Items of Interest

- a. Update of certification activities—John Pietroski, Manager of Licensing and Certification
- b. Variance requests, use of certain active ingredients within 25 feet of water
- c. Status of Rulemaking—no public comments were received
- d. Status of LD 908— An Act To Require Schools To Submit Pest Management Activity Logs and Inspection Results to the Board of Pesticides Control for the Purpose of Providing Information to the Public
- e. LD 1273—An Act To Ensure Funding for Certain Essential Functions of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Pesticide Safety Education Program
- f. LD 1518— An Act To Establish a Fund for Portions of the Operations and Outreach Activities of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory and To Increase Statewide Enforcement of Pesticide Use

10. Schedule of Future Meetings

May 24, 2019 and June 28, 2019 as proposed meeting dates.

The Board requested that a summer meeting, focused on forestry be held Maine and include a visit to a forestry management sites. Staff proposes a tentative meeting on July 12, 2019.

Adjustments and/or Additional Dates?

11. Adjourn

NOTES

- The Board Meeting Agenda and most supporting documents are posted one week before the meeting on the Board website at www.thinkfirstspraylast.org.
- Any person wishing to receive notices and agendas for meetings of the Board, Medical Advisory Committee, or Environmental Risk Advisory Committee must submit a request in writing to the Board's office. Any person with technical expertise who would like to volunteer for service on either committee is invited to submit their resume for future consideration.
- On November 16, 2007, the Board adopted the following policy for submission and distribution of comments and information when conducting routine business (product registration, variances, enforcement actions, etc.):
 - *For regular, non-rulemaking business*, the Board will accept pesticide-related letters, reports, and articles. Reports and articles must be from peer-reviewed journals. E-mail, hard copy, or fax should be sent to the Board's office or pesticides@maine.gov. In order for the Board to receive this information in time for distribution and consideration at its next meeting, all communications must be received by 8:00 AM, three days prior to the Board meeting date (e.g., if the meeting is on a Friday, the deadline would be Tuesday at 8:00 AM). Any information received after the deadline will be held over for the next meeting.
- During rulemaking, when proposing new or amending old regulations, the Board is subject to the requirements of the APA (Administrative Procedures Act), and comments must be taken according to the rules established by the Legislature.