

Crook County Vector Control  
Meeting minutes for 09-15-22

Present: Ken Fahlgren, Tom Green, Tom Teaford, Bob Hindman, Jeff Benkosky

Ken called the meeting to order.

The meeting minutes for 06-14-22 were approved unanimously.

Contracting CCVCD Services

Ken called this meeting to discuss contracting vector control duties. Cliff has the required skills and has expressed interest in becoming the contractor; the advantage to him being that he can farm out the work similar to his fire operations.

Tom Green asked what options do we have for contractors besides Cliff? How do we advertise for a contract?

Bob said that the CCVCD has spent a lot of money on Cliff's vector control-related education; it would be best to keep him if we can unless an equal or more qualified candidate(s) apply. The contract would have to list the special skills specific to this job.

Tom Green said that we do not have a job description so we don't know exactly what Cliff does. We were always confident that he knew the work and would do it.

Jeff asked if a contract would cost us more or the same we are already paying Cliff as an employee. Ken said the cost is about the same.

Ken said that we probably need an attorney (for the contract process) and do not have one. As a place to start, perhaps we can go to the City of Prineville (COP) attorney Jared Reed who likely understands government law. There was consensus not to involve Crook County.

Consensus was made to do the following:

- Go forward with the contract process. We should try to get the contract done by the first of the year.
- Cliff will make a list of his job duties.
- Ken will follow up with Jared Reed.
- Cliff will check with his customers for interest in becoming a Board member.

Future candidates for CCVCD board members

We need to think about future Board members as some of the older existing members may want to retire at some point. Any candidates must live within the District. Cliff can check with his customers for anyone interested.

### Other business

Tom Green said that the COP now owns the former Williams property where we were previously getting mosquitoes. Now we have the Deschutes Land Trust (DLT) involved with the property. Tom will contact the DLT to see if they they would like to discuss mosquito control and find out if they are involved with any other organizations (i.e., ODFW) for mosquito control.

The CCVCD is still experiencing problems with First Interstate Bank regarding the change over from Crook County. The process continues.

The meeting was adjourned.