

Broadwater County Three Forks Mosquito Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Chair Darrel Folkvord, Commissioner Debi Randolph (Absent), Commissioner Lindsey Richtmyer, Board Member Larry Phillis

Broadwater County (BC) Staff Present:

Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed & Mosquito Coordinator

Admin/Assistant:

Melinda Banks

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm. Jessica introduced Jack Bently and Lucas Harris. These two are interns for the Montana Conservation Corp.

A motion to approve the minutes from June 20, 2023 with corrections was made and seconded. Motion carried

Jessica stated that the new fiscal budget has not be set yet and will have that for the next meeting.

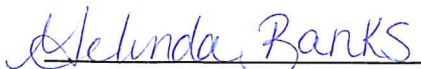
Unfortunately, the weather has made it difficult to fog the last week. Jessica stated that there are 847 address points that are paying taxes into the Three Forks Mosquito District. The district J24 most likely is paying into the TF Mosquito District. She claims that there might be something with the software that is not linking up the addresses to the district. Jessica will continue to work with the Department of Revenue.

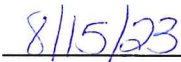
Jessica set up Traps on Eustis Road, Hwy 287 at the Wheatland Meadows Sign, and on Kite Drive. On July 12, 2023, approximately 50 mosquitos were found in the each of the traps. Most likely, the traps will be set again before end of the season. There has been a positive detection of West Nile in the state and is moving in earlier that normal. Hotter weather will cause the count of vector mosquitos (mosquitos that have the potential to spread vector-borne diseases) to go up.

The board recommended that Jessica will contact John Semple and Patrick Dougherty and keep the board in the loop on the communications. Jessica would like John to trap every other week since West Nile has been detected in the state.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 3:30 pm


Respectfully Submitted:


Melinda Banks, Assistant


Date

Approved:


Darrel Folkvord, Chair


Date