

The Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2026, in person at the office of the Warren County Mosquito Extermination Commission, 2 Furnace Street, Oxford, New Jersey, with remote attendance available through *GoToMeeting*. This meeting was held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L.1975.

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 8:20 AM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Burke, Chairman	YES
Mr. Summers, Vice-Chairman	YES <small>(remote)</small>
Ms. Greason, Secretary/Treasurer	YES
Mr. Eriksen	YES <small>(remote)</small>
Ms. Cooke-Gibbs	NO
Dr. Vincent Zaccheo	YES
Ms. Ciesla, County Commissioner	NO

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Chairman Burke: Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by forwarding a schedule of regular meetings of the Warren County Mosquito Commission to the Warren County Clerk, the Warren County Board of Commissioners, The Star Ledger, The Express Times, and by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the office of the Board of Commissioners and the Mosquito Commission. The Warren County Mosquito Commission may take formal action at this meeting. The meeting was announced to include a link and a phone number to join the meeting remotely using a phone, computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as attending in person. Public participation is encouraged. To ensure full public participation, those individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meetings were advised to submit any requests for special accommodation one week in advance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gruener announced that at the annual New Jersey Mosquito Control Association conference, Eileen Greason was awarded the 25-year Service Award.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Burke stated the Commissioners were provided with the minutes from the February 19, 2026, meeting. He asked if there were any corrections or modifications to the minutes. Two errors were noted. Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Zaccheo seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORTS

Chairman Burke noted that the February 28, 2026, Budget & Treasurer's Reports were presented at the meeting for approval. Chairman Burke asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the Budget & Treasurer's Reports. There being none, Commissioner Eriksen made a motion to approve the reports. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Summers, and the motion carried.


E. Greason

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

The 2025 Annual Report has been completed and will be discussed under New Business. Interviews have been completed for the seasonal positions, the part-time trapper has been hired, three new seasonal employees have been hired conditionally, and one seasonal from last year will be returning. Resident postcards were sent out to alert residents to our upcoming presence on their properties. The congested area flyover agreements were sent out to the municipalities that have aerial larviciding sites. The annual municipality packets were sent to all 22 municipalities in print and digitally. Prior to the March 1, 2026, deadline, the required information was added to the website in compliance with P.L.2011, C.167. The website is required to be ADA compliant which will be an ongoing process. Additional policy statements can be added if deemed relevant by the Commission. A list of possible documents will be prepared for the April meeting. Ms. Gruener met with the new Senior Risk Consultant, Bill Basky for PMA Companies, to discuss the safety training needs of the Commission and our operations in general. Five staff members attended the NJMCA annual meeting, which was a fantastic meeting full of educational and networking opportunities. The 1095 forms were filed with the state. They had already been filed federally by the County. The annual review and updating of the Pesticide Discharge Management Plan has begun.

The Oxford rain gauge recorded 1.28" of precipitation in February, which is below the 10-year average of 3.29" for that gauge. So far in the first two weeks March, 3.39" of precipitation was collected in the Oxford gauge. Habitat and larval surveillance have begun, and larvae have been collected from many sites. Early season adult mosquito trapping has begun in select areas for Jamestown Canyon virus; however, no adult mosquitoes have been collected. Standard operating procedures for FieldSeeker were created and put in binders with the routes for each truck and Ms. Gruener will include FieldSeeker training during the in-house training portion of seasonal training. Mr. Hagerty has been showing Ms. Giordano the North Route for cross-training purposes. The pilot maps for the aerial larviciding program are in the process of being updated.

The Ventrac Tractor with mowing deck was received. A list of access roads and paths that are blocked by downed trees is being compiled so that chain sawing can be done. A large mouse nest was discovered in the Kobelco, it was removed and cleaned. Even though recently painted by AC Equipment, the paint on the plastic parts was found to be peeling. The SMCC was notified and the Kobelco was power washed. The trucks are being stocked with supplies to be ready for the season. The new FieldSeeker app is being tested. Plans for sixty-two UAS flight are complete and ready to fly for the Morris Canal sites. Static flow calibrations were completed on the Hyllo AG-210's new spreader using the P35 product. The Renner Road site is being investigated for possible use for Hyllo calibration.


Mosquito and tick school presentations were given to fourth grade classes at Oxford and Harmony Township Schools. A presentation was given to the Frelinghuysen Township Environmental Commission on March 16, 2026, and was well received.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

Chairman Burke noted that master voucher M2026-03 (Resolution 2026-09) was presented at the meeting for approval. Commissioner Greason made a motion to approve master voucher M2026-03 (Resolution 2026-09) in the amount of \$130,548.21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Zaccheo and the motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

- J. Gruener to RLFS Inc. re: Award of Contract
- J. Gruener to NJ MVC re: Annual Driver History Abstracts request
- J. Gruener to Warren County Municipalities re: Annual Information packet



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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Plans & Estimates were sent to Rutgers and a drafted letter was received back, asking for information that has not been historically in the report, possibly due to the lack of knowledge of how the report was originally set up by the Associated Executives of Mosquito Control in NJ. Josh Kohut, the Dean of Research at the NJAES will review the Plans & Estimates outline and possibly revise it into what Rutgers wants.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gruener stated that the 2025 Annual Report was included in the meeting packet for review. Commissioner Eriksen noted that the photos on the cover were great. He also noted that the list of commissioners needs to be updated on page one and stated the report is a well done and complex report and sends his compliments to the staff on their contributions. Chairman Burke noted that the report represents all that the commission does and is a historical summary of the year's events. After some discussion, Eileen Greason made a motion to accept the report with correction. The motion was seconded by Vincent Zaccheo and the motion carried.

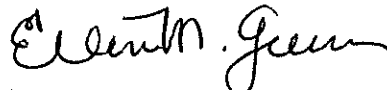
RESOLUTIONS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Burke made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:59, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Greason and the motion carried. Ms. Fisher left the room. No action was taken; the discussion was tabled. Chairman Burke made to exit executive session at 9:23 am, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Eriksen, and the motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eileen M. Greason,
Secretary/Treasurer

