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Subject: Catching Slough Conversation

Commissioner Main,

I took an invitation to meet Fred Messerle at a Catching Slough property to see tide gate repairs he had made minimizing standing water on acreage there. In months past this was an area where CHW had received calls from residents frustrated with mosquitoes.

For the 60 plus minute tour Geoff Taylor, manager of Jackson County Vector Control District, was with me. I don't recall anyone else in the vicinity other than Fred Messerle.

At the end of the tour I went to Fred Messerle at his truck and stated that I wanted to find a long-term resolution to mosquitoes around Winter Lakes. He abruptly stated something like that he would not have interest in doing this without everyone else around there taking part.

I did not specifically ask him to give CHW permission to monitor mosquito larvae on his property. I did generalize the meaning of what he said to include "CHW not welcome" on his private property.

I think that monitoring for mosquito larvae on as many Winter Lakes' properties as possible is a necessary part of the solution. As such, in recent weeks I have repeated the "CHW not welcome" sentiment from Fred Messerle to persons I think able to encourage the Messerle and friends property owners that providing larvae monitoring might be in the best interest of all.

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In the office I can find the specific date of the Catching Slough meeting, if warranted. It may have been as long as 3 years ago when those tide gate repairs were done.

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