Mosquito Control to Begin May 22, 2017

The City of Minneota will be spraying for mosquitoes (weather permitting) May 22nd at dusk. Any questions, please call the City office at (507) 872-6144.

The City of Minneota has contracted with Clarke Mosquito Service of Clearwater, MN for mosquito control this season. **They encourage any residents who may have questions to call them at (800) 942-2555 or visit their website – www.clarke.com**.

Clarke Mosquito Service is scheduled to begin service on Monday, May 22nd, beginning at dusk. Application will be by ground. The summer spraying schedule (weather permitting) is as follows:

- May 22, May 30
- June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26
- July 3, July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31
- August 7, August 14, August 21, August 28

The product being used is Biomist 4+4. This is a Permethrin based product which is extremely safe yet very effective against mosquitoes and gnats. This product has quick knockdown, low odor and is non-corrosive. Even though we have selected the safest products for this use, common sense tells you that precaution should be used with any pesticide and Clarke employees are licensed and properly trained to do so.

This product is registered by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

In addition to the adult mosquito control program, there are several things homeowners can do to reduce the local mosquito population:

- Eliminate trash, tires and containers which may hold water, creating a breeding site for mosquitoes.
- Maintain rain gutters and down spouts. Make sure no water remains in them after a rain.
- Empty and clean bird baths weekly.
- Store pails, barrels, tubs, boats, wheel barrows, etc…….upside down.
- Keep shrubs, lawns and weeds trimmed to eliminate harborage areas.

The City of Minneota and Clarke Mosquito Service want to have a safe and effective mosquito control program this year. Trained personnel handling the equipment and insecticide are of utmost importance and they are encouraging community support and cooperation in their efforts.