

Draft Minutes for August 11, 2014

The Board meeting was called to order at 3pm by President Rain Klepper.

Present: Rain Klepper, Zach Hotchkiss, Glenn Austin, DeeDee Durrance, Shelley Clement, Chris Tschinkel, Robyn Reinhard

Treasurer's Report

As of July 31, 2014, cash on hand is \$25,814.09, which includes the Tabor Reserve of \$3812.78.

Payroll budget has 35% remaining, while Chemicals are (1564.75) over budget, 5%. As detailed in July board meeting, this can be absorbed by moving money from another category. Chris reports that about 25 remain of the first 100 RAMP tests as of last week's trapping. We will not need to purchase an additional 100 tests beyond the original 200, so there is \$2000 that can be moved from lab to product categories.

The grant monies of \$5000 were received in early August, so only \$1000 of the \$6K is reflected in the July Financial packet. All grant money awarded has now been received. Unfortunately, there remains 15% of the total mil levy still expected, mostly from delinquent taxes.

Operations

As of August 8th, all traps continue to test negative for the presence of WNV! This is a huge accomplishment and Chris and the crew deserve major kudos.

Operations reports have continued to be published on the NFMAD Facebook and website pages. This has been very successful, particularly the separation between news and announcements, vs. spray notices.

The BMW rally was very successful from a viewpoint of mosquito control, with many calls and thank you comments.

The town of Paonia and immediate surrounding areas have not been adulticide sprayed last season or this one. Barrier sprays and the Terminix garlic spray have been used at the Town Park, Volunteer park and Apple Valley park. Local trap counts have stayed low, and all test negative for WNV so far. The Paonia library music series has been virtually mosquito-free, Picking in the Park also reports no sightings of adults during the first two concerts.

Coburn Rd., Bell Creek Rd., Lund Rd., and occasionally Corky Rd., areas have been aggressively treated, including adulticide targeted spraying due to winds, weather, and areas outside the District feeding adult mosquitoes to the area. In addition, there are issues with the railroad culverts and areas of poor drainage, and irrigation tail water building up on private properties.

As of 8/8/13, favorable reports have been received from Fair attendees, and many thank you notes, calls, and personal conversations have added to the survey of the Fairgrounds in a positive way. Rain Klepper received an email from Hotchkiss mayor Wendell Koontz, thanking NFMAD and the crew for a "job well done", citing the four nights he attended the Fair without seeing a single mosquito. Zach Hotchkiss, Chris Tschinkel, and Lee Owsley, all did an outstanding job with all of lower Hotchkiss leading up to the Fair, and continue with focused treatments, probably well into late September/early October, depending on weather as always.

NFMAD crew will repeat the late season barrier spraying for residents in Hotchkiss, with a plan for a comprehensive knockdown of adult mosquitoes in lower and upper areas to avoid hibernation over the winter in cellars, under houses, garden sheds, etc. This was extremely successful last fall, as this spring very few adult

mosquitoes were seen coming out of hibernation on the first warm days in March.

Most Districts stop trapping late August, but NFMAD's trapping surveillance will continue through September, until traps do not add information to the operations plan.

Upper Hotchkiss has been up and down in trap numbers, depending on the amount of rain and the high heat of late July and early August.

Canyon Rd. in Paonia has been reported to have standing water in one area due to the breaking of a pipe or other irrigation issue. Chris made notes of the areas reported by the Board members, and will add to the crew this week.

Chris continues to receive many phone calls from outside the District boundaries, particularly Lazear and Rogers Mesa, also the Shifflet subdivision and Willow Heights neighborhood, which are only partially served by NFMAD. This is an increasing issue that will have to be addressed in the fall for continued success in mosquito control for the town of Hotchkiss.

Apparently a weed killer or defoliant was applied along Apple Valley park in Paonia, and many calls were received by both NFMAD and the town clerks. Strong chemical smells, burning eyes, and respiratory symptoms were reported. The chemicals were not sprayed by NFMAD crew, and no product used by the District persists in the environment for more than 4 hours, and is furthermore only applied after full dark to avoid predator species and bees. One report of a man still smelling the chemical on his shirt more than 20 hours later, and having burning eyes for more than 2 days...obviously not mosquito control products! This incident is still under investigation.

New Business

A meeting with the Fair board will be set up to go over finances, now that the Fair has successfully concluded.

Federal NPDES paperwork reduction bill has passed the House and is going to the Senate. If this bill passes, the paperwork required for NPDES will be reduced, but FIFRA and Clean Water Act, as well as the nuts and bolts of the NPDES will remain in effect. Regardless of outcome on a federal level, NFMAD will continue to keep meticulous records, and practice protection of the outstanding waters of the District and County.

Dave Weber has once again updated the entire website, increased security and privacy settings, and is currently swapping the Hive office computer for a faster, newer model. Thank you, Dave!

There are several crew members that have committed to return for the 2015 season. The new Hive office has transformed trapping, counting, and identification of adults, and subsequent RAMP testing into a streamlined, efficient process. This has saved quite a bit of time, hence money, for the District. A similar plan will continue for the 2015 season.

Further meetings of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment regarding a fee structure for the General Pesticide permits continue to occur. Rain has attended several by webinar, rather than attempting to travel to Denver. A letter requesting the NF District be exempt from further monies being taken by the state for permits already filed has been sent. The budget is so strained at this point, a 1 to 5% fee assessment would seriously impact the District in a negative manner.

Announcements

The next board meeting will be September 8, 2014, the second Monday of the month rather than the third, due to Rain being out of town. The meeting will begin at 7pm, at the Hive Building Conference room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by Rain Klepper, 8/14/14