

Draft Minutes May 18, 2015

Call to Order: 6:06pm

Present: Rain Klepper, Glenn Austin, Zach Hotchkiss, Calvin Campbell, DeeDee Durrance.

There were no additions or corrections to the April 20, 2015 minutes as written, and a motion to accept and publish was made, seconded and all voted in favor.

There were no additions to the May 18<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

As of April 30, 2015, the total cash on hand was \$29,644.23, including the TABOR amount. The full April financial packet is online at [www.nfmad.org](http://www.nfmad.org), and was also made available to the Board of Directors at the meeting.

The \$5000 grant from Planet Heritage Foundation has been designated to expand physical mitigation in the District. There are many projects underway, despite the continued wet weather. A few specific projects were discussed, with estimated costs coming in far below budgeted amounts. Letters of donation will be offered to the trackhoe and backhoe operators for the generous donation of time and equipment.

The inclusion letters are being mailed out to proposed residents, and donations have been received and recorded for treatment in 2015 since the monies from the mill levy will not be received until January 2017.

Ongoing Business:

The Board reviewed the ongoing inclusion process and approved the new cover letter for mailing of the remaining proposed properties.

The NFMAD Board Member listings of address, email, etc. was distributed. We agreed to post small images of each crew member next to their details, to match names and faces. Rain will make a pdf using the crew ID badge photos.

## Personnel

All employee positions have been filled for the season.

Personnel OSHA certification is complete, with all new crew members attending the Mosquito 101 class in Grand River early in May. Gale Jirik of Adaptco and Blaine from Central Life Sciences visited with the NFMAD, calibrating and droplet testing all equipment, also in early May.

Crew training for field work continued throughout late April and early May, with a full NFMAD employee meeting with Rain and Glenn to cover the Employee Handbook and Guidelines on May 15, 2015. Safety classes will be held on Mondays again this season, with field manager Chris Tschinkel.

## Operations

All repairs to the Smart flows, trucks, ATV sprayers, Maruyama sprayers, and traps have been completed, under the budgeted amounts.

The experience of the previous 2 seasons has been tremendously valuable in this early, soggy and wet, 2015. The crew has been hard at work doing physical mitigation, scouting previous hot spots, as well searching for areas of poor drainage. The flooding of fields and along the river corridor has been challenging, but also informative on needed alterations to terrain.

Beaver dams are being taken apart, and the beavers trapped and relocated whenever possible. The backhoe operator has gone back one week later to clean out again if necessary, and the crew has also worked with shovels.

Behind the Redwood Arms motel, a huge swampy area has been mitigated, and the crew continues to monitor the area.

Chris Tschinkel had lunch with Ken Nordstrom and the new field manager, Steve DeVader, for Delta District #1, at Ken's invitation. Issues with the mosquito control in all of Delta county was discussed.

The Hotchkiss old water treatment plant is still on the list of needed mitigation in the town of Hotchkiss, and will require a coordinated effort of town and county. It continues to be a source of mosquito breeding, and requires constant vigilance.

#### New Business:

After discussion, the Board voted to appoint Robyn Reinhard as secretary, with a payment of \$75/meeting. Robyn is already doing many aspects of the secretarial duties.

Future Board meetings will begin at 7pm, to allow for the season and the various Board members to travel to the Hive NFMAD office.

Announcements: Next Board meeting is June 15, 2015, at 7pm

Adjournment 8:06pm

Respectfully submitted by Rain Klepper 5/29/15