

Minutes: July 21, 2014 NFMAD Board Meeting

Present: Rain Klepper, (president), DeeDee Durrance (VP), Glenn Austin, Shelley Clement, Chris Tschinkel, RR

The meeting was called to order at 2pm by Board president, Rain Klepper. Since the June board meeting was cancelled, there were no previous minutes to amend or approve. Additions and corrections were not made to the July 21st draft agenda, and the meeting proceeded.

Treasury report: Robyn Reinhard provided the June financial packet to all board members, and the abbreviated version has been uploaded to the website for NFMAD.

As of June 30, 2014, cash on hand was listed as \$29,982.17, which includes the Tabor checking reserve of \$3812.78. RR will be sending an updated report to Rain since the majority of mil levy has funded, and many bills have been paid in the early weeks of July, including the new ATV sprayer, product orders for larval products for the full season, in addition to other control products.

Rain presented notes on the 2014 Budget categories, given the halfway point of the season. A few categories are over-budget, including equipment (by an estimated \$200), office supplies (by \$643 due to costs of ink), and Repair and Maintenance (by estimated \$216), yet will be offset by monies present in the Supplies category that will not be needed.

The product budget estimation was under by an estimated \$1500-\$2000, given the early start to the presence of larvae in April, and the predicted hot weather extending deep into September, both in the Hotchkiss area. Economizing on lab expenses, auto expenses, and other line items will probably allow for a balanced budget, given the grant monies of \$6000 that will fund in early August. The budget analysis revealed the possibility of moving \$6500 from one column to another within the budget, if absolutely necessary.

In addition, Glenn and Rain will be meeting with the Delta County Fair Board to determine a financial donation for care of the Fairgrounds, which absorbs significant payroll and product each year. At this time, projections for the season may require a request for further financial assistance from the town of Hotchkiss for the old water treatment plant, parks and recreation areas, and schools, as well as the railroad corridor along Lorah Lane. NFMAD is working hard to hold the western and southern boundaries of the District, literally two sides of the town of Hotchkiss, against high winds carrying various adult mosquito species into the District, as well as the ongoing issues with one third of Delta County having no mosquito control at all. The Union Pacific railway continues to be a drainage blockade, and significantly adds to problems in Hotchkiss and Paonia.

If possible, the Board would like to add to the fund for purchase of a truck sometime in the future.

Operations report of July 15th was discussed, and is available on the website and Facebook NFMAD pages for the public to read. Notable points included:

-successful spraying/fogging of Hidden Valley subdivision, and cooperation of the Homeowner's Association President, and the head of local public works to formulate a permanent physical mitigation solution to the drainage issues.

-Inclusion/Annexation of areas...NFMAD main phone continues to receive numerous calls requesting help/service, particularly in Lazear, Crawford, Rogers Mesa, upper Powell and Hansen Mesas, and literally, Montrose. These are huge issues that must be tackled given that more than one third of the Delta County is not served by either NFMAD or Delta District #1, hence no mosquito control. NFMAD obviously does not have the financial resources to accommodate out-of-District requests, although best efforts are being made for each caller.

Rain wrote an email to Ken Nordstrom, requesting support in annexation of areas west of Hotchkiss that continue to adversely affect Hotchkiss.

-As of July 24, 2014, all NFMAD trap pools have tested negative on RAMP for WNV! At this time, Delta #1 has had all trap pools testing positive since the week of July 1st, and Mesa county since the end of June. The crew continues to diligently assess and treat, working split shifts when the temperatures soared to the high nineties. Human cases of WNV have occurred on Rogers Mesa, outside of the District. To date, there have not been human cases reported through Public Health within the North Fork area.

-RAMP tests have been grouped in early season, saving money on lab supplies. Gale Jirik of Adapco has given NFMAD detailed information on global testing, now the benchmark used by all RAMP owning Districts.

-The Hive Building office has been a tremendous success, centralizing trapping, counting and ID, and RAMP testing, allowing Chris to streamline operations.

-July 4th celebrations were very successful from the viewpoint of mosquito control, as well as the BMW rally in Paonia. Many calls, notes, and emails have been received from residents and event organizers thanking the District for service.

-Preparations for the Delta county fair in early August continue...the Fairgrounds have been kept in good shape, at great cost in payroll and product, just shy of literally 10% of the total operating budget of the District.

-The Paonia areas of Roat Cap Creek, Coburn Rd., Lund Rd, and Bell Creek Rd., have been scoured for breeding sites. Unfortunately, adult mosquitoes are occurring in larger numbers than elsewhere in Paonia given the river corridor and railroad drainage issues. Also, many private farms, ranches, and residences are having seep issues from piped irrigation water as well as irrigation tail water pooling. The high temperatures and rains of recent days have contributed, and the crew is using all methods of control in this area.

New Business

Shelley Clement was nominated for the appointment to the open NFMAD Board seat by Glenn Austin, seconded by Dee Dee Durrance, and the motion was unanimously carried. Thank you, Shelley for your willingness to serve on the Board!

The Oath of Office was administered, and all paperwork for the insurance bond filled out.

Announcements

The next board meeting will be one week earlier than usual due to Board member travels, on August 11, 2014, beginning at 3pm at the Hive building Office.

There were no public comments, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Rain Klepper, 7/24/14