

North Fork Mosquito Abatement District

Regular Meeting – January 20, 2014 – Hotchkiss Town Hall

Present: President-Rain Klepper, Secretary/Treasurer - Tom Wills and Vice- President - DeeDee Durrance. Absent: Glenn Austin, and Zach Hotchkiss.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by board president, Rain Klepper. The minutes of the November 19 regular meeting were not reviewed. Excellent chocolate/cherry cookies baked by Rain were served.

Treasurer's report: The written report from the accountant shows that the district, as of the end of December, had \$7,625.56 in cash in general checking. The required TABOR reserve amount of \$3,302.04 is sequestered in a separate account. Total cash on hand at the end of the year was \$10,927.60.

Total annual expenses to date have been \$127,027.85 or 122% of the 2013 budget. Expenses for December totaled \$7,526.54. The District has received \$113,270.09 in tax revenues (property and S.O.) for 2013, but have received a total of \$120,937.43 in overall income, which includes \$7,100 in donations and grants, \$164 from barrier treatment fees, \$387.86 on other income and \$15.48 in interest.

Thus, for the completed 2013 year the District drew \$6,090.42 from reserves. 2013 property tax revenues, paid in 2014, should start being received in earnest in February.

The 2014 budget was filed with the State and is posted on line at www.nfmad.org. All items have been filed as formally required, something that has not always happened in the past.

Committee Reports:

Field Manager, Chris Tschinkel, and Rain Klepper and Glenn Austin have been working on operations plans for the coming season. A 'triage' list of sites for physical mitigation of mosquito habitat prior to the summer is being developed. High in priority is the Pumpkin Hollow area and other Midway locations. Board members were asked to contribute to the list.

Tschinkel will bring the identification, counting and RAMP testing more under his job description for the 2014 year.

Gary and Rain Klepper are working on a RAMP testing training and operation manual as well as producing enlarged laminated poster of mosquito anatomy details for identification purposes

The District is hopeful that office/lab space may be available at the Paonia Vo-Tec building, but no commitments have been made.

The purchase of a second ATV-mount sprayer unit was discussed. The cost for a new unit will be about \$2,700, but we will need to wait for several months until the necessary funds are available. An ATV was purchased over the winter and Zach Hotchkiss will continue to serve the Hotchkiss area with the other sprayer unit mounted on his personal machine.

Some concern was expressed that the County had created a mosquito breeding habitat by improper grading at the bottom of the Hanson Mesa Road near the railroad. County Commissioner Mark Roeber will be contacted about the issue.

Election:

Board members were given self-nomination forms, which need to be returned by February 12, 2014. All members of the board that wish to remain will need to fill out the forms, and stand for election if necessary. Any eligible elector of the District may submit a form, or equivalent letter containing the same information, and be included in the May 2014 special district election for a seat on the board. If no more than five self-nomination forms are received by the deadline the election will be cancelled and the candidates declared elected. Any shortfall in the number of candidates will be filled by appointment after the May 2014 meeting. Contact Board Secretary, Tom Wills – 872-2664 for information or to obtain a copy of the self-nomination form.

Meetings and Postings:

Meetings during 2014 will happen on the third Monday of each month alternating between the Paonia Library and Hotchkiss Town Hall. The meeting will be posted 24 hours prior at the Town Halls, Paonia Library and the Delta County Annex in Hotchkiss as well as online.

The next regular board meeting will take place on Monday, February 17, 2014 at 5:30p.m. at the Paonia Public Library community meeting room.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Wills – Secretary/Treasurer