

North Fork Mosquito Abatement District

February 17, 2104 – Paonia Public Library

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

Board President Rain Klepper announced that only four self-nomination petitions, all from current board members had been received by the February 12 deadline. Thus the scheduled May election has been cancelled and Klepper, Glenn Austin, Zach Hotchkiss and DeeDee Durrance will be declared as elected.

Tom Wills, who is running for a seat on the Hotchkiss Town Council, chose not seek a new term. The fifth board seat will be filled by appointment at or after the May board meeting. Any resident of the district, or property owner within the district, is invited to submit a letter of interest to the board at Box 1822, Paonia, CO. More information can be had by calling board secretary, Tom Wills at 872-2664 during the day.

The District is still seeking office/laboratory space in Paonia for the 2014 season. The school district is being contacted as far as the possibility of obtaining space at the Paonia Vo-Tec building (old middle school) or possibly the old fire station that has been rented by a non-profit. Last year's office space was donated by Ed Marston in the Harvester building.

The accountant, Robyn Reinhardt, reported that the total revenue for the district during January was 28 cents interest on a savings account. Property tax revenue will begin to be received in monthly payments beginning in February. Luckily, the district had a modest surplus carryover from last year since expenses for January were \$5,420.15. The major expenses were annual workman's comp insurance and standard insurance payments. The District, as of January 31, had \$6,792.62 in the bank including \$3,810.84 in the minimum TABOR reserve account and \$2,981.78 in general checking. This underlines the snugness of the NFMAD's annual budget. Ideally, the district should have a minimum one year operating reserve. The TABOR account has been increased by \$508.80 in accordance with State minimum reserve amount requirements.

The district has anticipated receiving \$114,197 in property and specific ownership taxes during the 2014 year. There has been discussion of requesting a voter-approved mil-levy increase. The accountant will file the 2013 internal audit with the State in March.

The Chase credit cards that melted in last season's heat have been replaced.

Klepper reported that operations manager, Chris Tschinkel, was recovering from a bout of pneumonia but that planning for the season was coming together. The board agreed with Tschinkel's plan to staff and schedule the seasonal crew so that no overtime pay would be necessary. Three members of last season's crew will be returning, so along with Tschinkel in his second year the district should be able build on last year's successes and not just spend a lot of time relearning procedures and territory.

Klepper also lauded volunteer computer expert, Dave Weber, who donated many hours of services during the 2013 season and continues aiding the district with computer and website issues. He has been sent a donation acknowledgement letter for his taxes.

Rain's wonderful organic chocolate and dried cherry, gluten-free cookies were enjoyed by all.

The next meeting of the NFMAD board will be on Monday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Wills – secretary/treasurer