

**North Fork Mosquito
Abatement District**



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Draft minutes: March 21, 2016 Board
meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13pm, after a snafu with the new door codes at the Hive building office.

Present: Rain Klepper, Zach Hotchkiss, Glenn Austin, DeeDee Durrance, and Robyn Reinhard. Calvin Campbell was absent.

There were no changes or additions were made to the March 21, 2016 agenda.

Treasurer's Report

Financials ending February 29, 2016 show a balance of \$2332.87, including the TABOR requirements, reflecting the diminished mill levy payment for December of 2015, and January of 2016, as well as the BOCC donation reduction from \$3000 to \$1200.

The Exemption from Audit for 2015 was unanimously approved and filed with DOLA. All financial transactions are fully transparent, and posted on the NFMAD website Meetings page for resident review each month for the previous month, including profit and loss, and yearly overviews, eliminating the need for further auditing of the NFMAD finances. (nfmad.org)

2016 Budget Cuts

*Glenn Austin attended an event for the upcoming Commissioner election primaries recently where the Bowie Mine bankruptcy and subsequent default of property taxes was discussed. This directly impacts NFMAD as the 1.802 mills totals to \$6900 approximately. This is a huge budget cut, and coupled with other issues in the County and towns, has led Mark Roeber, the District 3 Commissioner, to warn of a possible 20% cut in funding. Given the incredibly tight budget the District is operating on, a 20% cut could be devastating.

Rain has once again applied for a financial grant from Planet Heritage Foundation, the grantor of 2013, 2014, and 2015 monies in the amount of \$5000. A request for a larger financial grant was made, and the Board of Directors will be informed in May of the decision and amount, if any.

The approved 2016 Budget was reviewed in detail, and possible cuts listed for the possible loss of approximately \$20,000. Physical mitigation over the last three seasons has impacted product purchases, dropping costs by 40%. Global RAMP testing and the efficiency of the trapping, identification, and testing procedures has also dropped these categories. Robyn prepared a fantastic inventory summary, and identified possible savings.

Every category has been examined and discussed, with cuts across almost every category. The Operations manager has decreased the crew by 1.5 employee positions, and drafted a plan to further decrease product usage. This will obviously only be successful if the District residents participate with mosquito control on personal property, the towns and county public works support District events, and the weather and mosquito pressure is moderate, not severe. Hopefully the full cutting of 20% of mill levy budgeted funds will not occur, and the PHF grant will be awarded.

Ongoing Business:

*Physical Mitigation Projects for early spring mainly

involve Doug Fritz of the Hotchkiss Fire Department, using controlled burning to clear drainage and breeding areas. A close watch on beaver dam sites of the past continues, and many private landowners have installed pipe, and accomplished backhoe work. With the severe budgetary concerns, new physical mitigation projects will not be funded by NFMAD solely, until possible grant monies arrive. The Operations manager continues to work with property owners as well as county agencies.

*The May 2, 2016 election for the NFMAD Board of Directors has been officially cancelled, and all paperwork filed with appropriate agencies. No self-nomination forms were received, hence, Calvin Campbell, DeeDee Durrance, and Glenn Austin are considered elected for another term of office.

*The Annual Report (formerly known as the Compliance Certification) for 2015 season was completed in January and filed with the Colorado Department of Health and Environment. An updated 2016 Pesticide Discharge Management Plan was completed, and both the annual report and the PDMP are available at (www.nfmad.org).

*The Employee Packet and Manual, including the Zero Tolerance and Non-Disclosure statements were reviewed and updated. Payroll dates and updated autopay information was distributed to the Board. Since virtually every employee from the 2015 season has reapplied for a 2016 position, no advertising for crew will be placed, another savings for the District.

*Gale Jirik of Adaptco Company will be performing computer droplet testing and calibration on all NFMAD equipment on May 18, 2016, 1:30pm, at the Shed. Mosquito 101 class will be in Grand Junction this year, on May 26, 2016, beginning at 9am. OSHA certification testing

will also occur.

*In an effort to save on funding, the Board of Directors will also utilize telephone conference meetings, only when necessary. The next Board of Directors meeting will be April 18, 2016, either by telephone or at the Hive Building office, to be announced by April 11, 2016.

* Adjournment at 8:37pm. Submitted by Rain Klepper
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