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Draft Minutes : NFMAD Board of Directors March 12, 2018

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7pm, with Rain Klepper, DeeDee Durrance, Glenn Austin, Zach Hotchkiss, and Calvin Campbell all present. Also present: Robyn R.

Previous Minutes: October 2017 Previous minutes were reviewed and approved, also published to the website as a draft last fall.

Treasurer's Report/ Accountant Report

-As of February 28, 2018, the total funds of NFMAD are \$49,864.77, which includes the TABOR savings, and the \$12,000 assigned to Equipment for 2018.

-A review of the 2018 Budget was discussed, in comparison to 2017 and 2016.

-A \$1450 donation from the Hidden Valley Homeowner's Association has been received for physical mitigation work in both 2017 and 2018. Thank you!

-Robyn reviewed the Exemption from Audit forms, detailing the balance sheet, cash reserves that are assigned vs. unassigned funds. A motion

was made to approve the Exemption as detailed, and unanimously approved.

-Payroll Dates for the 2018 season were distributed, for the electronic funds transfer of paychecks to the field manager and crew. Glenn Austin will continue to review the time sheets with Chris Tschinkel, by Friday afternoon every 2 weeks, for the paychecks the following Wednesday. Paystubs will be mailed to each employee by Robyn.

-Payroll Rates were reviewed and discussed for the 4 returning crew members, the ID/counting team, and the field manager. Possible bonuses will be determined in the fall at the end of the season, depending on budget and performance. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for the 2018 fee structure.

-A possibility of less expensive Worker's Compensation insurance will be explored.

-Robyn created a new inventory control form, with starting amounts, purchased amounts, product used, and values of remaining product for 2017, plus starting amounts for 2018. Thank you, Robyn!

Old Business

- Vehicles:

The status of each NFMAD truck will be assessed by Glenn, Zach, and Chris T. in March/April, with recommendations on repairs,sales/purchasing

- Robyn will speak with Kwiki Tire II about new tires for the two spray trucks.

- The mileage/gas usage sheets for each truck in 2017 will be reviewed

- Dan Hudson has completed physical mitigation track and backhoe work on Pitkin Mesa, Hidden Valley, and a variety of location in Hotchkiss. Further work using a brush hog will be determined for Midway locations.

-The Annual Compliance Report, Trap Data tables, and map images were filed with the state of Colorado in January for 2017. A copy was reviewed by the Board.

New Business

-Cancellation of 2018 Election: Zero self-nomination forms were received during the allotted time period, so the 2018 election has been cancelled. Rain Klepper and Zach Hotchkiss have been “reelected” as a result, with a 4 year term, ending in 2022. Oath of Office will take place at the May 15, 2018 NFMAD Board of Directors meeting, after the May 8, 2018 election day, in accordance with local and state laws.

-Discussion of Drone possibilities: Chris Tschinkel teamed up with Doug Fritz and the entire Hotchkiss volunteer fire department in January to perform physical mitigation using controlled burning. A drone was employed to great advantage over the course of this work.

The Board discussed using a drone as an adjunct to field operations for NFMAD crew, particularly for terrain that is difficult and time-consuming to access for surveillance. This is becoming common nationwide, with higher end models having the capability of delivering product to remote sites. Gale Jirik of Adapco is hosting a demonstration of the Maverick Drone company products and services at the West Central Mosquito Control Conference this week, and will be sending information to all Districts, for those not attending the conference.

Obviously the models that perform product delivery, temperature and wind speed calculations, etc, are well outside of the NFMAD budget. Further discussion of hiring outside drone mapping services, with price comparisons will be necessary before making a decision. There are several options within the North Fork valley, and plans were made to obtain

price quotes for services rather than investing in a low-end model with a learning curve, insurance costs, etc.

The Board also discussed permissions/privacy/private vs. public property issues with drone use.

-Gale Jirik of Adapco will be offering the Mosquito 101 class on May 24, 2018 at the Grand River Mosquito Control facility. OSHA testing and certification will also be offered. Droplet testing and calibration of all NFMAD equipment will occur around this date in May as well.

Public Comment: No public present

Announcements: The next meeting will be May 15, 2018, 7pm at the Hive building office.

Adjournment: 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Rain Klepper on 3/14/18