

Emergency NFMAD Board of Directors Meeting: December 20, 2018

*With half an hour notice, the entire Board of Directors met at the 39939 O Road Shed for an emergency NFMAD meeting of the Board. Thank you for your continued volunteer service!

Present: Rain Klepper, Glenn Austin, DeeDee Durrance, Calvin Campbell, Zach Hotchkiss. Also present: Robyn Reinhard, Gary Klepper, and Todd. Dick Kendall came after the meeting to assess and estimate mitigation of the issues.

*No Agenda had been posted due to the emergent nature of the building issue, but notification of the meeting was posted to the NFMAD Facebook page.

**Due to extreme weather with a lot of freeze/thaw cycles, an area behind the warehouse had slid into the fence, also holding water and ice against the foundation of the building. It was determined that a backhoe opening a drainage along the entire backside of the property, installing gravel and pipe draining the waters away from the building would solve the problem without disturbing the hillside or the Stewart Mesa ditch that flows at the top of the hill through pipe. Dick Kendall made a bid of <\$700 to complete the work, with a hefty discount for the District. Thank you, Dick!

The work was completed within a few days, and the area has remained dry as of January 10, 2019. Given the level of snow and below zero temperatures, we believe the issue to be resolved.

New Business

**We were informed on December 6, 2018 that the Hive Building office would have to be vacated by December 31, 2018 as the building was closing. After reviewing all of the available options for rent that would meet the specific needs of an NFMAD lab, computer system, microscopes, etc., the Board decided to purchase an additional shed, 12 X16 feet, that could be placed at 39939 O Rd warehouse/land. The shed will be wired for electricity and internet, and insulated, with a heating and cooling system.

Robyn Reinhard found a perfect option for \$4500, substantially lower than the stated prices. With the estimated costs of utilities and insulation, it will add up to

less than two years of rental costs at the low Hive prices. Most of the other options were quite a bit higher.

There are many advantages to this choice, including having the operations manager, lab, and warehouse all in one location for the crew management, as well as the savings of \$5000/year in rental space costs.

The Board decided on a location at the property, determined the base of gravel, etc., and empowered Robyn to hire the electrical and insulation subcontractors. The shed was delivered December 27, 2018 to the property, and placement is ongoing, while dealing with the snow and other winter weather considerations.

Rain and Gary Klepper, with DeeDee Durrance, packed all of the files, lab equipment (RAMP reader, microscopes, computer) and moved to Rain and Gary's home to avoid freeze damage to equipment. Robyn moved all of the furniture the next day, and the space was completely vacated and cleaned a full 10 days before the deadline. We are now awaiting a \$399 refund from the Hive management company, which was promised in 2 days, but 3 weeks has now elapsed.

****Rain Klepper is donating a laptop computer system with a solid state drive and full size keyboard to the District. The current computer is very old and slow, and literally cannot sustain a wireless signal! The old computer is residing at Rain's home currently, while all files and information are transferred to the laptop.**

****Field Seeker Operations software has been purchased in early January after extended research into various operations software packages. Frontier Precision, the company that provides Field Seeker, has offered a series of webinars that Rain has attended. Linda Glover, the rep from Frontier Precision, has spent a lot of time on the phone with Rain, and she worked out a very sweet deal for NFMAD, including extra licensing for Ipads if lost or damaged (\$1000 value), all training and webinars (Usually \$2800), the mapping software update and year one maintenance fees (Usually \$2300 when the last licensing was paid 10 years ago, plus close to \$3500 of licensing for software), and also worked out a way to upload and use all previous NFMAD mapping (this is worth probably 50 hours of work!). She totally understood that we are a large district with a small to non-**

existent budget trying to be compliant with laws, etc., and the budget would not extend to all of these details.

We are very excited about the implementation of the Field Seeker software, and the impact it will have on operations and training of crew members. More information will be posted in the new year about this package.

**Zach Hotchkiss detailed the truck we are selling, and has moved it to a central location with a “for sale” sign. He has had a few nibbles.

Adjournment: 12:30pm.