



# Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

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**Our Mission: To secure federal funding which reimburses eligible districts for tax revenue lost (for student programs) due to the federal government's removal of land from the local tax rolls; such revenue to be used for the public education of students.**

## AGENDA

FALL NAFIS CONFERENCE 2019

Sunday, September 22, 2019

10:45 – Noon

- I. **Review of the Mission/Vision of the Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association – Craig Hutcheson**
  - No district financially destroyed
  - Widen participation of 7002 districts
  - Fair distribution of 7002 funds
  
- II. **Introductions and Comments – Craig Hutcheson**
  - Craig welcomed all to the meeting and explained our organization's purpose.
  - He also reinforced the mission of the FLISA organization.
  - Craig stressed we needed to come to D. C. with a unified message for our Hill visits
  - Craig shared we will be having more conversations in the future regarding reauthorization.
  - Several new members were in attendance at this first meeting.
  - Craig also shared we are in somewhat of a transition in our organization with Tom Madden retiring as Executive Director in the near future.
  - All attendees introduced themselves.
  
- III. **Advocacy Action Plan (Original Plan at the end of this agenda for reference) – Mark Naugle**



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- A. **Ready for an official renewal**
- B. **Creation of a new plan to commence at the winter meeting, January, 2020 in conjunction with the naming of a new Executive Director. Mark, as the President Elect of FLISA, briefly reviewed this item.**
- IV. **Roll Call – Tom Gregory**
  - Tom Gregory shared the membership update and conducted the roll call.
- V. **Recognition of new attendees – Craig Hutcheson**
- VI. **Review of Summer Meeting in Custer, SD, and Comments from attendees – Craig Hutcheson & Tom Madden**
  - Formal thank you to Mark for his hospitality in South Dakota.*
- VII. **Executive director’s report – Tom Madden**
  - Tom Madden welcomed all and explained to those new attendees how overwhelming the NAFIS Conference can be the first time you attend.*
  - Tom Madden shared that reauthorization was up for renewal FY 20. September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2020 will be the end of that fiscal year.*
  - There is a very strong likelihood the reauthorization will not occur at that time. The history is it is always delayed, but we need to continue moving forward on our language to present to our Congressmen. We are going to make decisions that will impact all districts receiving 7002 funding.*
  - Tom highly suggested all to attend the winter meeting to be part of this reauthorization conversation.*
  - Tom Madden reminded all that next fall the first day of the NAFIS Conference will be on a Monday instead of a Sunday. The Hill Visit day will then be Wednesday with the concluding social on Wednesday evening.*
  - **Reminder: The NAFIS Fall Conference in 2020 will begin on Monday instead of Sunday. Many of us usually arrive on Saturday and depart on Wednesday. For this meeting we will arrive on Sunday and depart for home on Thursday.....FYI for the future.**
- VIII. **Targeted Lobbying for this Conference – Tom Schneider**



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- Tom reminded all to complete thank you notes after their Hill Visits and then drop them off to Amy from California who will deliver them on Wednesday.
- Tom shared the importance of our Hill Visits here in D. C., but also how important it is when you go home to emphasize the importance of Impact Aid to your district.
- Tom shared we want to publicize our great Hill Visits and one way to do that is by tweeting photos out of our Hill Visits.
- Tom had a handout giving directions on how we can get pictures out regarding our Hill Visits
- When we go to the Hill, we have a couple items that are very important as talking points on the Hill. Those talking points are on the handout given to all attendees.
- The House recently approved a continuing resolution through November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Senate has their version of what the spending bill should be.
- House and Senate need to come to an agreement.
- Tom emphasized the NAFIS talking points as well.
- Tom also shared the importance of reading his handout before you go to the Hill and when you go home.
- Tom shared a draft press release that members can use when they return home.

## IX. Website/Social Media Update – Terry Tamblyn

- A. FLISA “Elevator Speech” video
- B. Changes/Additions to the website
- C. Reminder: [www.flisa.org](http://www.flisa.org)

- Terry thanked Tom Schneider for being our political coach.
- Terry shared the website to all and details of the FLISA website.

## X. –FLISA Board Update – Tom Schneider/Craig Hutcheson

- Interview of the one candidate occurred at the Directors meeting on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- It was announced that Tom Schneider will be recommended from the Board of Directors at the winter meeting where all can vote for the official approval of the new Executive Director
- The transition time between the two will be about one year.

## XI. NAFIS Update – Hilary Goldman

- Hilary shared the NAFIS office has been having conversations across states of what types of federal properties exist for our school districts. Out of the 225 school districts receiving 7002 federal impact aid, 60 of them have more than 25% federal land.

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*-They also looked at the type of impaction. Many of these are dams, reservoirs and military types of land. The third most popular type is national forests and last national labs.*

*-Breakout sessions will be new this year and will be offered twice during our NAFIS Conference.*

## **XII. Adjourn**

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