



Federal Lands Impacted Schools Association

Education For Children, Fairness for Taxpayers

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

Monday, September 24, 2019

8:30 – 9:45 am

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions – Craig Hutcheson**
Craig asked those who couldn't attend yesterday's meeting to stand and introduce themselves.

- II. **Approval of minutes from summer meeting – Cathie**
Cathie shared the minutes were posted on the FLISA website for all to view prior to this Fall NAFIS Conference. A motion was made by Sandy Doebert and second by Mark Naugle to approve the minutes from the Summer, 2019 FLISA meeting as presented. The members present then approved the 2019 FLISA summer meeting minutes as presented.

- III. **Treasurer's Report – Tom Gregory**
Bob Reichert shared the Treasurer's report for Tom Gregory. Terry Tamblyn made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approval was tabled because of a question asked by a member regarding bank charges. The response to this question was that \$755 was entered into the software system incorrectly and thus reported on the financial page incorrectly. It is really the annual charge for online Quickbooks and should have been entered on the "software license" line. Second was then made by Mark Naugle. All members present then approved the Fall 2019 FLISA Treasurer's Report.



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IV. Information Items

- **Additional Items since yesterday's meeting**

- Craig Hutcheson shared we are hoping to receive \$76 million in total federal properties revenue for FY 20.
- We have been successful in obtaining an overall increase of \$8 million since FY 15.
- Tom Schneider then spoke about the infrastructure bill. NAFIS is marketing 7003 needs of \$1.4 billion that include infrastructure and special education needs.
- Craig explained the purpose of the winter and summer meetings and the fall and spring meetings.
- He shared we will have recommendations at the winter meeting for filling two of our director positions.
- Tom Madden shared our winter 2020 meeting will be in Orlando, Florida.
- Tom Madden did send an email announcing the winter meeting in Orlando.
- Tom shared we are looking at Jersey City, Seattle, or Portland the last weekend of June for the summer 2020 meeting. By the winter meeting, we should know exactly where we are meeting for the summer.
- Craig spoke about the summer 2019 meeting conversations regarding reauthorization.
- We can't truly understand where we need to go with new language for reauthorization if we don't understand where we have been.
- Tom Madden shared the history of Federal Properties.
- Federal property was valued as the kind of property it was when it was taken off the tax roles.
- In 1995 they changed the law and stated the property should be valued as the type of property it would be today.
- The problem with this was the DOE (Department of Education) allowed you to value the property as if the buildings and other structures already existed. Some local assessors over-valued the properties and others under-valued the property. The issue of "fairness" was certainly at play-The DOE is charged with developing rules and regulations on how to implement a law.



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- A California school district representative brought it to the FLISA Executive Director's attention that they would be receiving most of the Impact Aid dollars because of what the DOE was allowing.
- All districts now receive 90% of what they received in 2009. This language was then written into law
- We managed to get that language as part of a DOE spending bill.
- Getting to this point wasn't that easy because of the discussion on districts who have property that isn't taxable property but is not federal property such as state or local property.
- Default was just to use the formula with total property minus federal property and not include other types of nontaxable property.
- Looking ahead to the new reauthorization, we need to make a decision on what property we are going to eliminate in the formula, just federal property or include other nontaxable properties.
- Sandy Doebert shared we want new districts to come in as full partners and distribute funds fairly. That didn't happen. New districts have a different foundation payment based on what money is left over after original districts have been paid.
- Tom Madden stressed to stay involved to be part of these further decisions.
- A member of the organization asked if a district couldn't send a representative to the winter meeting, could we have some type of distance participation opportunity.
- Tom Madden shared we are prepared to go to various states to ensure there is communication and opportunity for input.

IV. Target Lobbying for this Conference – Tom Schneider continued his discussion from yesterday's meeting

- Tom talked about the one page leave behind and highlighted in yellow the House is proposing a \$2 million increase and the Senate is only proposing a \$1 million increase. Of course we want the House's recommendation.
- He suggested we talk to our Congressmen about how more districts are coming on board with more federal government property being acquired.
- Tom also shared how to get pictures on the Hill out there using Twitter.



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-Tom shared the importance of the story and the ask on the Hill on Tuesday.

V. Old Business

- **Any Carry-Over from Sunday's Meeting**

-Craig shared how important it is to connect with the staffer you are visiting on the Hill and be a resource for them.

-He stressed again what you do at home can be a real difference maker.

-Make those trips to your local offices to build those relationships with your Congressmen

-Craig shared how it is important for us to have a seat at the table on the NAFIS Board.

-Tom Schneider acknowledged Sandy Doebert's leadership on NAFIS

VI. Adjourn