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Tonya and I had a visit this afternoon about the difficulty in reviewing the reg's. She talked to David Yearout and while he said he understood our attempt to control costs by submitting questions to him, the time it would take him to review the 34 pages of notes, refer to the reg's and respond would take more time than being at a meeting in person. This process is also eating up Tonya's time being the middle person as well as all the board members time.

While I know there is some strong opinion that we as a board need to go through the reg's word by word without any professional guidance other than Tonya, my personal opinion is that we are wasting a lot of people's valuable time that could be used more efficiently. The board should decide the general direction with the guidance and immediate input from the consultant, and then the consultant and staff hammer out the details and specific wording for review by the board. Board members need to review the proposal on their own time, bringing questions to the meeting.

As a result, I have instructed Tonya to invite David Yearout to our Wednesday, April 20th meeting at 6:30 PM. We will try to cover the questions that have been generated and concepts of previously proposed changes. My goal will be that this is the last work session. We will then schedule an official "special" meeting with the only agenda item being review and recommendation of changes to the reg's. At that time if we agree on changes, we will schedule the public meeting and move forward with the process.

I apologize for not taking charge of the process earlier, but was trying to be inclusive of other board members' opinions. The process is simply out of control and we need the guidance of someone who has experience and does this type of work full time. Tonya has done an outstanding job, but it is unfair to her to put this burden on her shoulders. Her job is to enforce the reg's, not write them.

At our regular meeting on April 28th, I am also going to propose that we put June back into rotation as a regular meeting. Wheat harvest is not as big an impact on our members as it has been in the past and going two months without meeting is unfair to applicants. If our reg review process gets back on track, perhaps June could be our public hearing meeting.

Your patience has been greater than mine. Some of you have been working on this for years while it is all new to others. My job is to make sure you each get to express your opinion, have your questions answered and then move forward with the consensus of the majority. We can get through this.

Thanks, David