



**Gallatin County Weed Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 2, 2011**

**Board** members present were Craig Morgan (Chair), Jeff Littlefield, Keith Mainwaring, Commissioner Joe Skinner and Fred Bell. Bob Hofman was excused.

**Others** present were John Ansley (Coordinator), Michael Jones (Assistant Coordinator/Foreman) and Rosemary Perry (Secretary).

**Minutes.** The Minutes of the May meeting had been sent to the Board and were approved as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ansley updated the Board on the situation with the Huffine property. The Deputy County Attorney told Ansley to start the process at the beginning. In response to the post card the resident on the property, Wells, made arrangements to pick up a sprayer on the 26<sup>th</sup> May; however the weather was bad and she did not show. There has been no contact since and Ansley was looking for direction from the Board. We have already received a follow-up on a complaint filed last year. After discussion the Board decided that Ansley should continue with the enforcement process.
2. Ansley asked Commissioner Skinner if the Commission had made a decision regarding the staffing level for the Weed District. Commissioner Skinner replied that while not finalized the Commission will most probably leave the staffing level as is and accept Ansley's alternative budget reductions.
3. Commissioner Skinner stated that the Commission has decided to grant the 50% decrease in grant administrative fees for the Noxious Weed Trust Fund grants.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Public Comment.** None
2. **Monthly Report Q&A.** None.
3. **Special County Grant.** Ansley showed the Board his requests on the Special County Grant for FY'12. Craig Morgan signed the request as Chair.
4. **Budget.** Ansley informed the Board that we have entered our Budget requests; however he has a few questions regarding a discrepancy in Capital Reserves that he will address at the off site meetings at the Library. Mainwaring asked to be reminded of the date and time as soon as it is fixed.
5. **Commissioner Report.** Topics already discussed.

## 6. Coordinator(s) Report.

- **Curly leaf pondweed.** Celestine Duncan of Weed Management Services (Helena) asked if we could get her a sample of curly leaf pondweed for a weed ID class. The staff went to the East Gallatin Recreation Area where we had participated in a weed pull last year. There was very little pondweed visible although we were able to get samples with a rake.
- **Web page.** We are currently working on an update on our web page. The documents have been revised and posted. Perry asked Commissioner Skinner if we could post the Commercial Applicator list. Skinner felt that it would be O.K. but suggested clearing that with the County Attorney first.
- **Farm Fair.** The Farm Fair went really well. Ansley, Jones and Mohler worked Tuesday and Thursday and Mangold, Graves and ??? from MSU worked the Wednesday.
- **Crews.** The crew members are attending the SW Area training this week. Three of them will need to test.
- **First West Safety Inspection.** The staff met with Babcock of First West and reviewed the Safety Policy. The meeting went well.
- **Fairgrounds.** Ansley has almost completed spraying the Fairgrounds.
- **Auditor's Sale.** The Shorelander trailer and the two (2) water tanks will be in the sale on Saturday at the old Detention Center. The Search and Rescue people did not want them.

## 7. Round Table.

**Jones** remarked that he was busy with the crews cleaning up the shop.

**Jones** reported that he did not attend the last EWM meeting in Butte; however it apparently was more constructive than the Whitehall meeting. Celestine Duncan has been hired to head up the program funded by the DNRC. The Department of Agriculture and FWP will be doing a lot of surveying.

**Ansley** remarked that DNRC called him to tell him they are trying to get a Statewide Permit for the mechanical removal of EWM. Commissioner Skinner suggested contacting fishing guides and Jones informed him that this was already being done.

**Ansley** remarked that we still have three (3) grants waiting for processing at the Courthouse. They were not on the Public Meeting Agenda so were scheduled for a special meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55PM. The next meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Perry, Secretary