



**Gallatin County Weed Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
August 7, 2014**

ATTENDEES:

- **Board members:** Keith Mainwaring, Jeff Littlefield, Bob Hofman
- **Others:** Joe Skinner (Commissioner), John Ansley (Coordinator), Mike Jones (Assistant Coordinator), Emily Lockard (Extension)

MINUTES: Bob Hofman moved to approve as submitted, Jeff Littlefield 2nd, approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Emily Lockard:** Extension has been busy doing site visits advising the public on weeds.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board members must fill out the related party form and file with County Auditor
- **Monthly Report Q&A**
 - **Milesnick complaint** - neighbor complained about weeds growing. Owner and property leasee are advised and will be treating the property
 - **Royal Arabian Subdivision** – called to inquire if we spray the roadside of subdivisions. We do not.
 - **Bulltail Rd** property has significant amount of SK on property.
- **Commission Report**
 - **New County Administrator is here**
- **Coordinators Reports**
 - **Treated West Yellowstone** – All county properties are looking good.
 - **Cherry River Fishing Access** – Cooperative effort with FWP for the last 5 years. First time we treated it was a 2 day activity now it is about 2 hours.
 - **Gravel Pit Inspections** – TMC is the only gravel company that has us inspect for certification. Mike inspected 8 pits – All pits were passed. TMC has a good comprehensive weed management plan that is effective. Morgan Pit passed inspection by West Yellowstone. Keith brought up some concern about another gravel pit.
 - **Big Sky Weed Pull** – About 25 people participated, Yellowstone Club sent a crew of people to help. 600lbs of weeds were pulled. These events are for primarily educational purposes to help people to readily identify the weeds and build awareness.
 - **Big Horn Winter Spray Days** – Cooperative project with MCC Crew, Forest Service, Gallatin County. Primarily all backpack work on the hill side – spray about 60 gallons of spray. Spraying SK, HA, HT, MT.
 - **Parks**

- Regional Park has been sprayed – will do a fall treating as well
- Arrow Leaf Hills – looks much better
- Highlight Heights – treated per Mike Harris
- East Gallatin Rec Area – will do a fall treatment
- Story Mill Spur was treated
- Bozeman Land Fill – have not treated yet this year we will not treat without written direction from the City
- Question about what parks are County Parks.
 - Need to schedule a meeting with Parks, Weed District and Road Dept to get updated county park list and be current on what roads are abandoned and what roads have been added to the county list.
- **Complaints** – most are being resolved
 - We have one Meadow Creek Partners that we have not heard anything from. 2nd notice was sent, if we do not hear anything we will seek the court order. Property would need to be mowed and sprayed. Anticipated costs are \$6,000.
 - Many calls have been made from concerned citizens about infested property
- **Road Spraying update**
 - Feel Dan Marks has done a great job. He would like to have a contract extension. We will follow up with Procurement to find out the process.
 - Our crew will be finished August 22. The roads are about finished. We will go back and do some fall treatment on re-growth.
 - NPK is finished. We will inspect the roads for retreatment needs. Love Ln. has some areas that need retreatment, Thorpe needs to be look over.
- **Round table**
 - Big Sky Spray Day – Cooperative project with us and Madison County. We treated Reflector Trl, and some other trails. Madison stayed toward the top of the mountain
 - For our Cooperative part of the Horseshoe Hills Grant we treated the old RR right of way.
 - Mike has been helping Brad with some aquatic mapping
 - BLM Spray Day – Aug 12 in the Bear Trap – We may send our crew.
 - Big Sky Area Resort Tax meeting – we will go to represent Gallatin Big Sky Weed Committee
 - Enquired if Extension would be interested in doing a cooperative grant for the Story Hills area and treatment of St Johnswort. Will work with GVLТ to see if they have some committed landowners willing to participate.

Meeting dismissed 2:20 pm

Next scheduled meeting: September 4, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Vanderby

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