



**Gallatin County Weed Board
Regular Monthly Meeting
December 4, 2015**

ATTENDEES:

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

MINUTES: Bob Hofman moved minutes be approved, Steve Saunders 2nd – passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

- Concrete Pad - finished

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Emily Lockard – All the grant projects worked on cooperatively between the Weed District and Extension have been submitted both to MSU for administration and to the Dept of Ag for approval. The grant report for the existing was submitted and accepted. Extension is offering Farm Bill help to help people figure out what programs they would like to apply for. Deadline is March 17. The program is quite different this year and many will need advice.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Monthly Report Q&A**
 - We received a phone call from a resident about the treatment of cattails. The question was asked if they are a protected species. Not that John is aware of.
- **Coordinators Reports**
 - Grants have been submitted.
 - The Dry Creek Weed management application has 5 land owners and is for \$12,900.
 - The Story Hills Weed management application has 20 land owners and is about \$40,000. Hearings will be in March.
 - A resident from West Yellowstone called to inquire about the process in adding a weed to the noxious weed list. She is concerned about kochia. John advised her to coordinate with her neighbors to send a letter to the weed board. There was a lengthy discussion about the best way to control kochia. Kochia is difficult to treat, but will generally not invade a healthy habitat.
 - ATV: We have money in our Special County Grant designated to get a new ATV replacing our 2005 Honda. The Board recommended we get an ATV with power steering. John will gather information from several different dealers. Steve Saunders moved “gather information on a new ATV.” Bob Hoffman 2nd - Unanimous approval.

- **Round table**

- Board Member term expiration:
 - Keith Mainwaring's term expires, he has reapplied
 - Jeff Littlefield's term expires, he is still deciding if he has time to serve the board well
- Parks & Roads
 - We would like to have current and accurate lists of county owned and maintained parks. Joe Skinner recommends we contact Mike Harris as he has a clear understanding of the parks we are responsible for.
- Road Contract Bids
 - Dan Marks has a 2 year contract extension with us for one area of roads
 - When we send out a letter to the commercial sprayers seeking a bid for the remaining roads can we include wording encouraging some to apply giving a ball park amount on the awarded bid in previous years. John will contact Nick in procurement to see if this allowed.
- Concrete Chemical Storage Shed
 - Concrete has developed some cracks and the shed is leaking. We talked to Lone Wolf Concrete about coming back in the spring to give us a bid to seal up the shed. There is a product that will seal the damage very well, the largest issue will be removing the paint. We have \$1,150 left from the budget granted for the concrete pad that we hope can be used for this repair.
- January Meeting
 - The regularly scheduled day would be January 1, 2015. It was concluded we will not have a meeting in January, we will have our next meeting in February.
- Steve Saunders questioned who is responsible for the developed trail head at the N Cottonwood trail head that was developed by GVLT. Maintenance agreements are established at the time of development and who monitors if that is being followed up on.
- Steve Saunders questioned if MWCA is bringing legislation this session to increase the Special County Grant funding.
- Does the County support board members attending the annual MWCA convention? We will check to see if the budget has room to allow this.

Meeting dismissed 2:15 pm

Next scheduled meeting: February 5, 2015; 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Vanderby

Program Assistant