



**Gallatin County Weed Board  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Minutes  
May 1, 2014**

**ATTENDEES:**

- **Board members:** Jeff Littlefield, Fred Bell, Keith Mainwaring
- **Others:** Joe Skinner (Commissioner), John Ansley (Coordinator), Mike Jones (Assistant Coordinator), Mary Vanderby (Program Assistant)

**MINUTES:**

- Fred Bell moved to be approve, Jeff Littlefield 2<sup>nd</sup> – approved unanimously

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Road Spray Contract – Will be starting May 15 to May 31
- Gallatin County Weed Management Plan – tabled for correction. Will be emailed prior to June meeting and for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Monthly Report Q&A**
  - **Painted Hills** – Complaints have come in against several landowners in the subdivision. We are working on a cooperative effort to address the complaint issue. Looks like this can be handled by the landowners and the applicators they hire.
  - **Property Inspections** – good public relations/service our office can assist the public with
- **Commissioner Report**
  - **Budget Process** – our budget input will be coming up
  - **Jim Doan** - hired as new County Administrator
- **Coordinators Reports**
  - **Big Sky Weed Summit:** Jen Mohler organized a meeting between the larger land owners in the Big Sky area and weed management agencies to develop a coordinated weed management plan. Very good starting point. Crisis weeds – Oxeye Daisy, Toad Flax, one patch of Leafy Spurge. Construction will create disturbed areas that will require more awareness.
  - **Weed Managers Meeting:** Meeting will most weed managers in the county to develop cooperative projects. We are going to help DNRC on state property on corner of Amsterdam and Linney. Several group weed pulls are planned. Grant needs in Kelly Canyon for treatment in on St Johnswort will be looked at, Rose Park and trails will be treated. Big Horn Sheep project – NRCS plant materials center has some grass seed to help with reseeding project.
  - **SW Area Meeting** – Education trailer is available and we plan to use during the fair. Crew training will be held June 2-4. Mike and John will teach calibration and how to read labels.

Several Weeds were petitioned to be added to the Noxious list. Research will be done on them this field season and recommendations will be made in the fall.

- **GVLTA Annual Stewardship Social:** Conservation easement land owners meet with agency people.
- **MDT Annual Meeting:** Mainly for county's that contract with MDT to maintain the highway right of ways. Trying to build a good working relationship with MDT
- **Upcoming Events**
  - **Farm Fair** – June 6,7,8 – 1000 4<sup>th</sup> graders go through
  - **BLM spray day** – May 21 – Bear Trap – hike in with backpack sprayers go after mainly spotted knapweed and leafy spurge.
  - **Seasonal Crews** will start May 19
  - **Complaints** – 4 formal complaints
    - Bozeman Pass – sent educational letter to landowners for tips and treatment ideas
- **Budget:**
  - Going to ask for \$5000 to go into capital for future replacement of spray equipment
  - Enforcement Reserve Account – we will verify that this will roll over
  - Budget Input will be May 5
  - We are going to request capital improvement to put concrete under the lean-to \$5,000
- **Spray Equipment** ready to go for the season
- **Service Truck** – Danhof may have one for us – 2006 Chevrolet, 2500 crew cab with topper only 29,000 miles for \$23,000

- **Round table**

Meeting dismissed 2:10 pm

Next scheduled meeting: June 5, 2014, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Vanderby

Program Assistant