



Gallatin County Weed Board

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 7, 2013

ATTENDEES:

- **Board members:** Jeff Littlefield, Keith Mainwaring, Fred Bell, Bob Hofman
- **Others:** Joe Skinner(Commissioner), John Ansley(Coordinator), Mike Jones(Assistant coordinator), Maureen Meagher(NRCS), Emily Lockard(Extension), Brad Bower(Extension), Mary Vanderby (Program Assistant)

MINUTES: Correction – spelling of St Johnswort. Moved to approve minutes Bob, 2nd Keith passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gravel Pits – Assigned to Erin Arnold, Deputy County Attorney. John answered question, she will get back to us
- Enforcement Account – Ed Blackman is in favor of setting up account, we are now to be in contact with Jill in Accounting to set up the account.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Maureen Meagher** - NRCS , past RC&D coordinator in Wyoming worked with Lincoln County Weed & Pest with grants. NRCS is sponsoring a Soil Health Workshop – credits are available for attending the workshop. Would like to develop a cooperative working relationship with weed management. Will be working minimally with the Conservation District. Private applicator credits are 2. Soil Health Workshop primarily designed for producers. Postcards were sent to producers.
- **Emily Lockard** – AGAI meeting will be held Dec 4, Stockman Bank – Belgrade, 5:30pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Monthly Report Q&A**
 - **Fred Bell had no questions!!**
 - **Jeff** – Question about insurance – Liability insurance billed per dept for building, vehicle, and sprayers
 - **Keith** – Question about payment to fairgrounds – Annual Rent
- **Coordinators Reports**
 - **Fall Spraying:** Bunch of spraying in Oct done by John on county roads, Regional Park, Rose Park– hopefully will reduce the spring growth
 - **Bridger Grant:** Final Report for the Bridger Grant should be submitted the week of Nov 11

- **North Horseshoe Hill's Grant:** is well underway and will get to Extension hopefully week of November 20. Ed has map to mark and will get us the weed assessment. The grant will run through MSU as they will not charge admin fees.
 - **Southwest MWCA** meeting was held in Butte in October – there is a list of weeds petitioned to be added to the list of noxious weeds: Field Scabious, Musk Thistle, Black Henbane, Common Mullein, Baby's Breath, & Parrot Feather. Mike & John were assigned to the Olympiad committee, Spring training will be held in Butte.
 - **Fall Pesticide training** – Good overall training, but appreciated the topics “What to expect if you get inspected”, “How best to communicate to the public” when questioned about the safety of spraying weeds.
 - **Big Sky Weed Committee:** forming own 501(c)3 – working on by-laws, articles of incorporation, Jen is working with an attorney and accountant to finish the application process.
 - **Service Truck replacement:** \$20,000 budget for new service truck replacing 1998 Chevy Cheyenne. Looking at spending around \$23,000 with trade-in value and balance from special county grant. With SUV we will then have 2 good service vehicles and should not need anything in the near future.
 - **Winterizing** is finished, sprayer docks moved under the new lean-to.
 - **January board meeting** – John cannot attend meeting January 2 – Bob proposed moving meeting to January 9th – agreed upon
 - **Fort Ellis Leisure community complaint** – HOA filed complaint on open space. Each land owner has listed on their tax statement that they have an interest in the open space. John contacted HOA and left message recommending that the HOA take care of the weed issue as listed in the subdivision covenants.
 - The mechanic is still looking at the '91 Dodge for driving issue.
- **Round table**
 - Group membership being done with MWCA

Meeting dismissed

Next scheduled meeting: December 5, 2013, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Vanderby

Program Assistant