

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2018
2:00 PM
Weed District Office

Approved

Present: Al Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Harold Riensche
Kerry Kovanda
Dana Weatherford

Absent: Mark Schriener

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): 6-26-18 Meeting Minutes

Bob moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 26, 2018 meeting. Kerry second. Minutes approved. Motion carried.

Budget-Approve purchase of new 4-wheeler:

The coordinator presented a couple of 4-wheeler options that Montana Honda and Marine of Billings, MT recommended. After discussion. Bob moved to purchase 2018 Honda Fourtrax Rancher 4x4 for \$7,299.00. Harold second. The new 4-wheeler will be purchased out of the Weed 2140 fund, line item 900 (capital outlay). Dana presented the buy back price of the Polaris was \$800.00. The board voted 'no' to sell it to Montana Honda & Marine. The decision was made to keep the Polaris until a better selling opportunity is available.

Sprayer Rental Program updates: Dana presented the board with a current inventory of the rental units. Dana feels the Weed District has way too many rental sprayers in inventory based on the demand from the public. Discussion was made of whether to consign items in the county auction or present a sealed bid to the public. A decision will be revisited at a later date with the recommendation made by Al to reduce our inventory by a half. Bob made the recommendation to wait until spray season to sell them because the demand is high.

Salt Cedar Control Project: Dana feels the Weed District needs to be doing their part in salt cedar monitoring and treatment on the Yellowstone River when the Yellowstone County Weed District has an active cooperative grant project occurring. Dana recommended that we set a maximum dollar amount we can contract for monitoring and treating the river for salt cedar and hire Bob Montgomery. Dana spoke with Bob and he has the equipment and would charge \$85.00/hr. By statute we do not have to go out for bid unless it is over \$80,000. Harold moved to approve Bob Montgomery to monitor the Yellowstone River for salt cedar at \$3000.00 maximum. Bob second. Motion carried. Dana will draft a contract.

Stillwater County Weed Report of 2018 Spray season: Dana presented the costs of contracted services for the 2018 spray season for \$44,080.00. Last year we spent \$45,062.50.00. Dana also gave rough estimate of income the weed district will receive from agency contracts. She will have those finalized to the Board when she is done with invoicing.

Coordinator Report: Dana reported new weeds that were identified this summer. Japanese knotweed, purple loosestrife, and dyer's woad were identified and treated in Stillwater County. Dana gave a non-compliance program update from the summer. We have a couple of landowners that have not addressed their weeds issues after non-compliance letters were sent out. The Weed District did not receive a response from the landowners. The Board wants to invite the County Attorney and the Commissioners to our next meeting to answers our questions regarding the weed law and enforcing it. A winter to-do list was presented.

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting. Harold seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:36 pm.

