

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2015

Approved 2-11-16

Present: Al Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Carl Thompson
Harold Riensche
Will Patterson
Commissioner Dell

Absent: Eric Lowell

Meeting called to order at 11:00am.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (10-14-2015) were reviewed. The minutes were approved; a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Harold, motion passed all in favor.

Fall Meetings

- **Up Coming Fall Meetings:** Will presented his report on the fall meetings, He has attended three meetings in five weeks. North West Meeting, a long travel and very busy meeting. Will is now Pres-Elect. Fall Managers meeting, Will and Rob attended, good meeting attendance was a bit lower than normal, probably due to the Coordinators training. The Coordinators training, a very good meeting and very informative lots of new information on laws, grants and management plans.

Season Updates

- Will presented a spread sheet outlining the season states to date, this is a summary of the updates. Tordon sales: 131 gallons, Invoices: \$31,813.29, Spraying: 216.74 acres for noxious weeds, Sterilant: 21.9 acres, Kochia/ Russian Thistle: 402 acres and field inspections 153 acres inspected 140 certified.

MDT

- Will made a presentation to the board an official request to MDT to inspect and treat the right of ways adjacent to the two lane highways. The proposal is the following, to treat/ inspect the right of ways two times a year. There are 100 miles of state highway, 200 miles of right of way treating/inspecting 2 times a year 400 ditch miles, with an average of 30 foot right of way totals 363.64 acres.

We are estimating that the chemical cost will be \$21.33 an acre	\$7758.15
Labor rates will be \$80.00hr, approx. 300hrs	<u>\$24000.00</u>
Total	\$31758.15

A Motion was made by Harold to present the proposal to the Commissioners, second by Bob, Motion carried all in favor.

Grants

- Will presented that the Two Rivers Grant for 14 and 15 status reports have been approved, 14 has been paid and closed out, still waiting on 15's payment. Will presented a draft for the 16 continuing grant. Will explained that the cost share will be from the small land owner spray program administered through the watershed group. If the grant is awarded for 16, there will be an open bidding process to award the contractors.
- Will presented the Fishtail Grant has been submitted still waiting on approval.
- Will presented the 16 draft grant applications to the board. He is requesting comments and changes by 10:00am on 11-19-15 so he can get changes made and presented to the Commissioners by 1:00pm on the 19 to make the agenda for the 24th. Once grants are finalized they need to be submitted by 12-1-15.

Non-Compliance

- Will presented that the letters of Non-Compliance have been approved by both the County Attorney and Dept. of Ag Attorney. In the board packet and via e-mail will presented the letters and management plan forms to the board. A motion was made to present the letters and management plans to the Commissioners. Carl made the motion and Bob seconded, the motion carried all in favor.

MOU – Town of Columbus

- Will reported that he has presented a draft MOU to Dennis Holten with the Town of Columbus Public Works. Will spoke with Dennis on 11-12-15 and he is still reviewing the document.

Coordinator Report

- Working with MRL to set up contract for 16 season.
- FWP dropped off contract for 16 season this morning, it is the same except that the dollar amounts changed to reflect the invoices from the 15 season.
- Equipment is winterized
- Budget looks good.

Next meeting will be February 10, 2016 at 200pm at the Weed District office.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.