

**Stillwater Weed Management District**  
***Regular Meeting***  
**November 15, 2017**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Weed District Office**

**Approved**

**Present:** Harold Riensche  
Al Nordahl  
Bob Kirch  
Carl Thompson  
Theresa Comfort- Finance  
Mark Crago- Commissioner  
Maureen Davey- Commissioner  
Dana Weatherford

**Absent:** Eric Lowell

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Harold moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Bob second. Commissioner Davey had concerns regarding the three changes made to the weed management plan. After lengthy discussion. Chairman limited discussion down to two minutes. Harold and Bob voted to approve previous meeting minutes. Carl voted to abstain over the wording of the weed management plan. Harold motioned to “hopefully” craft a new 2018 Weed Management Plan by the February meeting. Bob second. Motion carried.

**Equipment Updates:** Dana requested the weed district rent space to store both trucks and trailers at the Old Timberweld building. The rate for storage will be \$95.00 per unit. Harold moved to rent the space at the cost of no more than \$1000.00 for the winter months left. Bob second. Motion carried. Dana will complete the application and will present it to the county attorney to be reviewed and approved for the November 28, 2017 agenda meeting.

**Grants:** The Fishtail WMA grant is still active after an extension was filed in September and approved by the state. Dana is currently working on a grant for the Beaver Creek area. Landowner participation is required due to the grant application guidelines. Dana is in contact with landowners and starting the process. Trust fund grants are due January 6, 2018. A river grant will not be completed this year due to limited exposure on the river and not knowing the infestation levels.

**Update on Weed Department Facilities:** Dana presented slideshows from three surrounding county weed districts, Sweetgrass, Carbon and Yellowstone. Further discussion was made about the location and the design of the future facility. Further action will be taken by Mark Crago, who will speak with Alice Nordahl about potential lots for sale.

**Coordinator Report:** Tordon sales through Farmer’s Union will only be include operations that have a chemical dealer’s license. Next Tordon season, the weed district will provide 2.5-gallon and 1-gallon jugs of chemical for purchase. Dana requested that the weed district needs to purchase roadside spraying signs. At the next meeting, Dana will present sign options for the board vote of approval. Upon previous

discussion made earlier in the day, Harold moved to allow Dana to spend up to \$500.00 without board approval. Bob second. Motion carried. Dana presented the details of the 2018-2019 biennial contract with the DNRC. An official contract was not presented to the board and commission for signatures. The DNRC has to coordinate with lessees and will notify the weed district of the dollar amount rewarded. Dana presented her to-do list for the winter. Carl Thompson announced that he will not reup his term as a board member. Two board positions will be open in 2018. The next weed board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2017 at 12:00 PM at the SCWD office.

**Special Meeting Note:** On 10-26-17, an email was sent out by the coordinator to the board with the intent to vote. The reasoning behind an email vote was the board was not able to meet due to doctor appointments and ranching duties. The vote was to approve movement of already existing funds that was awarded to the Stillwater County Weed District from the Montana Department of Ag. This specific grant is provided to county weed districts every year with the requirement of updating the state of how the funds are spent. The rewarded \$7500.00 was not spent for the 2017 year. Three of the five board members (Al, Bob, and Harold) voted to transfer the funds to the department's capital outlay program. Carl and Eric did not participate in the email vote. The second vote was to transfer the 2018 funds upon receiving them this coming year into the capital outlay program. Majority vote and motion passed.

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting. Harold seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

