

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2017
12:00 PM (Lunch Meeting)
Weed District Office

Approved

Present: Harold Riensche
Al Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Carl Thompson
Lee Schmelzer- Extension
Joe Morse- Finance
Mark Crago- Commissioner
Dana Weatherford

Absent: Eric Lowell
Carl Thompson

Meeting called to order at 12:45 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting: Minutes corrected and approved as read. Motion carried.

Stillwater Valley Watershed Council Update: Lindsey Clark gave an update about 2017 summer weed spraying activities and grants opportunities the SVWC provided. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation rewarded the SVWC with \$20,000 with a remaining balance of \$9354.00 left. There were ten cooperators that participated in the grant. The small acreage spray program enrolled 36,000 acres and 140 landowners participated this last summer/fall. The SVWC banquet is scheduled for August 11, 2018 and the knapweed float is scheduled for the August 12, 2017.

Update on Weed Department Facilities: Joe Morse from the finance department was present for the discussion. The board discussed options of an intercap loan program through the state. Joe advised with the intercap option we are going to have interest and principal payments due twice a year. The next option is an interfund option with an option of leasing-to-own. Bob motioned to entertain a discussion of crafting a plan to present to the commissioners. Harold second. After lengthy discussion, the board crafted a plan, a letter will be drafted, and presented to the commissioners. Plan A is as follows: intercap loan at \$235,000, down payment of 40,000, payments of \$19,000 a year, utilities of \$8000 per year, and \$3000 in repairs. With the intentions of Plan A we borrow \$25,000 from our capital outlay program. This is only designating ½ of the current balance in the capital outlay program. The payments process is estimated at 15 years. Harold motioned to present plan A. Bob second. Dana will start writing the letter to be present to the commissioners.

Weed Board By-Laws Discussion: A copy of the by-laws was provided to the board. As a group, the board will take a copy of the by-laws home and will add or detract from it. At the next meeting the board will adopt a new set of by-laws upon discussion.

Weed Board Election Discussion: Harold moved to put this item on the next weed board agenda. Bob second.

Road Dept Russian Thistle/Kochia Control: Dana presented the option that the road department specify the roads they want controlled and the Stillwater County Weed District will be the only applicator for those specified roads. An agreement meeting with the road department and the weed district will take place after the new year with Bob Kirch and Mark Crago present at the meeting.

Coordinator Report: Dana presented three road-side spraying signs to be voted on. Bob motioned to purchase two DS100 bases for \$149.72/per base and two 48” roll up signs for \$96.43/per sign from Billings Construction Supply. Harold second.

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting. Harold seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.

