

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2016

Approved 5-11-16

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

Absent: Eric Lowell

General Public:
Noel Keogh

Meeting called to order at 1:00pm.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (11-12-15) were reviewed. The minutes were approved; a motion was made by Harold, seconded by Carl, motion passed all in favor.

MDT

- Will made a presentation to modify the amount approved on 11-12-15. Modify the contract amount to \$20,000 annual. With, the following conditions, to inspect and treat the right of ways adjacent to the two lane highways one time a year, with follow up spot treatment. A Motion was made by Harold to present the proposal to the Commissioners, second by Carl. Motion carried all in favor.

2016 Season

- Will made a presentation for the purchase of a new spray truck and spray platform. Three bids were presented One from Beartooth Ford \$33,535(no Bed), One from Archie Cochrane Ford 38,432 (with a bed) and one from Bison Ford \$30,285(No Bed). Harold made a motion to explore price matching to Beartooth up to \$32,000.
- Will Presented a proposal to hire an additional seasonal up to 560hr employee
- Will presented a plan to bid areas 3 and 4 and spray areas 1 and 2 in house
- With the above presentations there would be an additional cost to the Weed Department of \$11,129.80 a year with a savings to the county of \$13,792.20. See attached Cost Analysis.
- All this is pending approval of Commissioners Agenda Meeting 2-23-16. Harold made a motion to submit to Commissions and Bob Second. All in favor, motion carried.

Contracts/ Bids

- Will Presented for review the Contracts for the upcoming season
- Will Presented the Chemical Bids that are to mailed out

- Pending Commissioners Agenda Meeting Results A bid announcement will be released for advertisement in 2-25-16 Local Paper with a close date of March 18, bid opening 3-22-16 and a Special meeting 3-23-16 to award bids

Budget

- Will presented the current budget

Grants

- Grant Hearing are in Helena on March 3 and 4. Will is traveling up on 2, presenting the 3 and staying over to attend deliberations on the 4.
- Will Presented the Power Point Presentations that he is Presenting
- Ray Lien and Bob Montgomery are attending the hearing to help present

MOU – Town of Columbus

- Will reported that he has presented a draft MOU to Dennis Holten with the Town of Columbus Public Works. At this time no action has been taken. Will asked for the board to make a motion to present the MOU to the city council at their next meeting. Bob Made a motion for Will to present the MOU, Harold Second. Motion passed all in favor.

Stillwater Valley Watershed

- Noel had some question on the 2 Rivers Grant, Will responded
- He wanted to extend an invite to attend the Watershed Meetings
- He had some questions as to the status of the Helicopter, Will responded
- Annual BBQ river float 8-13/14-16
- Continue to work together

Coordinator Report

- Will reported that he is working with a new helicopter contractor that is interested in working in this area this summer.
- Education trail will be making its first showing at the mate show
- Furniture for the new office

Elections

- Chairman: Allen Nordahl
- Vice Chair: Eric Lowell
- Secretary: Carl Thompson
- Resolution2016-001: stating results of elections, and meetings times were set: Four times a year: February, May, August, and November. Meeting times February and November at 1:00pm and May and August at 7:00pm

Next meeting will be a Special meeting on March 23, 2016 at 1pm at the Weed District office.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.