

**Stillwater Weed Management District  
Regular Meeting  
February 12, 2014**

**Minutes Approved**

**Present:** Harold Riensche  
Al Nordahl  
Carl Thompson  
Eric Lowell  
Bob Kirch  
Lindsey Clark  
Stephanie Naftal

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm. Harold welcomes new Board member Carl Thompson.

**Minutes from Previous Meeting** were reviewed. The minutes were approved; a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Eric. Motion carried by the Board.

**Budget**

- Lindsey explained some of the oddities of the budget review; the surprise expenditures like a new printer, and utility expenses for heating of the chemical shed.
- Commissioners want to meet with the Board in the next month to discuss the mid-year budget.
- Harold raised the concern that there will be money for the road contracts. Lindsey isn't concerned.

**Bylaw Amendments**

- Lindsey reviews key amendments to bylaws.
- Vice Chairman needs to be added.
- Bob nominates Harold as Chairman, seconded by Carl. Eric nominates Al, no second. Harold will maintain the Chairman's position until the next fiscal year.
- Eric nominates Al as Vice Chairman, seconded by Bob. Motions passed by the board.
- No changes to meeting dates.
- Al motions to accept changes. Bob seconds. Motion carried by the board.

**Formal Proclamation to Establish Meeting Dates**

- Proclamation accepted.

**Noxious Weed Management Plan with the Town of Columbus**

- Lindsey explains what the plan states in general and the history of the plan.
- Lindsey tries to calculate, with taxes in mind, what the Weed District should spend in the town and it equals \$22,000. She's also concerned that helping with Itchkapee Park will

lead to spraying other park areas. The Weed District shouldn't be responsible for spraying the whole town. The commission suggested this be addressed by the county attorney, no word has been heard as of yet.

- Al moves that we inform the city that we will not pay for treatment of noxious weeds within city limits, due to the fact that the Weed District believes it's duty is to help and guide the town in its management of weeds, not do the actual management for them and because the town has its own budget for weed spraying. Carl seconds it. Motion passes.

### **Board Recommendations for County Right-of-Way Weed Treatment Bids**

- Lindsey explains the past years set up with the contractors.
- Lindsey is happy with their work and the proposal is to keep the same contractors in the same areas as last year.
- Discussion of what improvements need to be made from last year.
- Al moves to accept bid. Eric seconds. Motion passes.

### **Job Description Review**

- Stephanie reviews her resignation and the plan for the transition. Discussion on the position description and the changes made to it since 2011.
- Eric motions to accept changes to position description. Carl seconds it. Motion passes.

### **Coordinator Report**

- Lindsey is planning on come into the office one day a week during maternity leave if the baby is healthy and she can avoid chemicals. She's due April 21<sup>st</sup> and doesn't know for sure how long she'll be out – probably two to three months.
- Discussion of Lindsey, Stephanie, and Al's attendance at MWCA Annual Conference. Al thought it was educational, well rounded, and good to see the respect Lindsey and Stephanie garner, and the networking.
- Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grant hearings are in March in Helena. Lindsey, Noel Keogh, and Raymond Lien will be testifying. Bob Montgomery will also be there to testify for Yellowstone and Stillwater County.
- Bi-annual weed management plan will be ready at the May Weed Board meeting.

### **Assistant Coordinator Report**

- Stephanie hands out a list of current programs/projects and discusses what the goals for the upcoming year are for a new Assistant Coordinator.
- Stephanie talked about the Proclamation for Noxious Weed Awareness Week to be held June 9-16, 2014. The board agreed this was a good idea to continue with last year's success. The official proclamation will be submitted to the commissioners to sign.
- Flexibility of hours was discussed where a post-official quit date will be allowed to help with the transition period.

Next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.