

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
March 14, 2018
1:00 PM
Weed District Office

Approved

Present: Harold Riensche
Al Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Kerry Kovanda
Mark Schreiner
Dennis Shupak- Commissioner
Dana Weatherford

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting(s): 11-15-17 Meeting Minutes & 12-13-17 Meeting Minutes

Harold moved to approve both sets of meeting minutes with the minor change of wording in the special meeting section of the November meeting. Bob second. Minutes approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Elections: Harold nominated Allen Nordahl for Chairman. Bob second. Bob motioned to close nominations. Harold second. Motion passed for Allen Nordahl as Chairman. Bob nominated Kerry Kovanda for Vice President. Mark second. Motion passed unanimously. Harold nominated Mark Schreiner for secretary. Mark declined. Bob nominated Harold Riensche. Kerry second. Harold accepted the position as "in title only." Motion passed with unanimous ballot.

Budget Report: Dana provided an up-to-date budget report for the board to review. Joe Morse in the near future will be sending out the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year budget packets.

Approval of 2018 Weed Management Plan: Mark Schreiner motioned to accept the as-written 2018 Weed Management Plan. Bob second. Motion passed.

Approval Sprayer Rental Agreements: Dana presented two separate agreements for our rental portable unit (PU)/ATV sprayers and backpack sprayers. The new addition of the separate agreements are the rates we will be charging for renting out county sprayers. The PU/ATV sprayers and backpack sprayers have their own separate agreement. After discussion and editing of the two agreements. Harold moved to approve the two modified rental agreements. Bob second. Motion passed to accept the modified rental agreements for PU/ATV sprayers and backpack sprayers.

Approval Chemical Bid Letter: Dana presented the chemical bid packet for the 2018 spray season. The goal is to use up the chemical already in the Weed District inventory. Dana will calculate that accordingly with the commercial applicators and county spray projects. However, the Weed District will have to purchase more chemical. Harold motioned to approve the 2018 chemical bid packet as written with the dates of the opening and closing dates to reflect the timeline of our next meeting. Mark second. Dana will

send the letters out with the appropriate dates and the Board will decide the rewarding bids at the April meeting.

Approval ROW Bid Contracts: Dana presented the bid announcement for advertising the bid announcement for the local paper. Harold motioned to approve the bid announcement with the appropriate date changes. Bob second. Discussion was made regarding the right-of-way spraying contracts. Comments were made about obtaining more detailed application records provided by the Stillwater County Weed District with the requirement of utilizing GPS to provide the Weed District with the appropriate information to better track application timing and chemical usage. The Weed District will not provide the GPS unit for the selected commercial applicators for ROW spraying. The proper amendments were made to the bid announcement after discussion of the contract was made to reflect each other. Mark Schreiner moved approve the two additions to the bid announcement. Kerry second. The contract changes made were deleting 4a. & 4b and inserting the requirement of using GPS units. Kerry moved to approve the 2018 right-of-way contract via pending approval of the county attorney. Bob second. Motion carried.

Coordinator Report: Dana stated we have two active grants for the upcoming season. The Fishtail grant has \$7013.39 remaining. The Beaver Creek grant has \$12,000 recently awarded to Stillwater County. Dana is working with the Stillwater Valley Watershed Council with organizing a helicopter applicator to come to spray in Stillwater County for the upcoming spray season. The upcoming season contracts were presented with BLM, DNRC, MDT, MRL, and FWP. Dana reviewed the contracted services expenses from the 2017 last spraying season. It was discussed that for spraying other county departments the department heads need to contact the coordinator first; otherwise, their facilities will not get sprayed. This is to avoid conflict in department budgets.

Special Meeting Note: On January 31, 2018, Commissioner Shupak contacted Al notifying him the Coordinator had met the 6-month probationary period. Al, Harold, and Bob via phone call approved that Dana get a .50 cent raise. Harold moved to approve the phone conversation. Mark second. Commissioner Shupak brought the Board and Coordinator folder packets of the by-laws, weed management plan, and MT Weed Control Act prepared by Commissioner Davey.

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

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