

**Stillwater Weed Management District
Special Meeting
May 12, 2017**

Minutes Subject to Approval

Present: Harold Riensche
Al Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Lindsey Clark
Mark Crago
Dennis Shupak
Lee Schmelzer
Absent: Eric Lowell
Carl Thompson

Meeting called to order at 2:45 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting: Bob moves to approve minutes from the April 12 meeting. Harold seconds, motion carried.

Budget Hearing: The date for the budget hearing with the commission has been set for May 22 at 10:00 am.

Equipment Repairs: The Dodge was taken to Beartooth Ford for an oil change and they said it was in need of a new transmission. A second opinion was received and the issue was low ATF fluid.

Coordinator Recommendation to Commission: Bob moved to hire Dana Weatherford as the new coordinator at \$19.00/hour with a \$.025/hour raise after necessary licenses are obtained and a \$.025/hour raise after the six month probation period. Harold seconded, motion passed. The yellow sheet was completed and will be given to the commission for further approval.

Update on Weed Department Facilities:

- Mark presented the option of building a new SCWD building and shop area. He estimated the cost of a 50'x70' building to cost \$110,000.
- Al suggested looking into the option of off-site lease property. He was interested in what CCWD and YCWD's facilities were like and what they would do differently if given the option.
- Harold moves to write a letter to the commission relaying the request to proceed with the process of looking into a new building. Bob seconds, motion passes.

Other Business:

- Grants
 - o Fishtail WMA was reimbursed \$5099.30 for 2016 cost-share expenses
 - o Two River CWMA was reimbursed \$15,477.60 for 2016 project expenses.

- Montana Rail Link Contract: The amended contract was presented. Dates have been changed on the contract however Will Patterson's name was not amended. Lindsey will request this change from MRL and await the amended contract.
- Updated Weed Management Plan: A revised copy of the Weed Management Plan was presented. The board agreed to table the approval until the next meeting so they could read through it more thoroughly.
- Right-of-Way contracts were signed by SCWD board chair. They were put on the commissioner's agenda for next week for final signatures.
- The board agreed to write a letter of support to the commissioners supporting Shantell Frame-Martin, Montana Noxious Weed Education Coordinator, in finding a suitable office space for her within the Weed District.

Harold moves to adjourn, seconded by Bob, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.