

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
May 13, 2015

Approved 8-12-15

Present: Al Nordahl
Carl Thompson
Bob Kirch
Will Patterson

Absent: Harold Riensche
Eric Lowell

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes from Previous Meeting (4-13-2015) were reviewed. The minutes were approved; a motion was made by Bob, seconded by Carl. Motion carried by the board.

Interviews

- No call no show. After discussion the Board left the decision up to Will if to fill the position or not.

Budget

- **Annual Budget Reviewed for 2015-2016**, Will presented his recommendations to the Board for the following years budget. Budget presentation is on 5-21-2015 at 9:30am, in the Commissioners office.

Education Trailer

- The County Commissioners have informed the Weed Coordinator that the county can not contribute to the Education Trailer due to State Law 7-7-2103. This has been confirmed by the County Attorney. Will forwarded this onto MWCA and the South Central Rep. This information was then forwarded onto MACO and Dave Burch, Dept of Ag State Weed Coordinator. Opinions have been offered and possible other solutions. Will forwarded this to the County Commissioners, asking for their suggestions, they suggested to have the County Attorney review the info again. During the meeting Will asked for the Boards input and suggestion. The Board agreed with the Commissioners and suggested to have the County Attorney review and give another opinion.

Capital Outlay

- Al was presented with a letter for signature to Joe Morse, Finance Officer for Stillwater County, to transfer the balance of the Capital Outlay account to the Capital Improvement account

Kubota Trailer

- Will reported that the current trailer the department has is not substantial enough to transport the Kubota. Will presented the Board with three price quotes, Trading post in Laurel \$2600, Platinum Auto in Big Timber \$2500, and JM Trailer Sales in Laurel \$2790. The board suggested, add a spare and upgrade the tires. Bob made a motion and Carl 2nd. Motion carried.

Conservation Days

- The Weed District was asked by the Conservation district to help teach a segment on noxious weeds. The days are being held at the Bear Tooth Ranch on 5-19-2015 starting at 8:30am. Will is working with Lee Schmelzer, the Extension Agent. We are planning on having some weed ID, short walk identifying weeds and talking about how they are detrimental to the land. The Dept also has on loan from the State the Wheel of Fortune game, where the kids spin the wheel and then read the card and answer questions.

Coordinator Report

- Sterilant work is almost done, Will reported that he has been treating gravel pits, solid waste collection sights, fair grounds, court house parking lot, search and rescue parking lot. Should be done tomorrow .
- Chemical has been delivered to the contractors.
- White Top and Spurge is up, start addressing next week.
- Budget Hearing is set for 5-21-2015 at 9:30am Commissioners Office
- Spicing Up Montana – This article was given to me from a concerned citizen concerning the spread of kimchee plant in the Absarokee area. Will, will be taking a look at the area and will make recommendations as necessary.
- Tordon program is set up at Valley Farmers Union in Reed Point

Next meeting will be August 12 at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.