

**Stillwater Weed Management District**  
***Regular Meeting***  
**June 13, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Weed District Office**

**Minutes Subject to Approval**

**Present:** Harold Riensche  
Al Nordahl  
Bob Kirch  
Carl Thompson  
Lindsey Clark  
Dana Weatherford

**Absent:** Eric Lowell

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Harold moved to approve minutes from the May 12 meeting. Bob seconds, motion carried.

**Budget Approval:** Discussion to transfer \$40,000 to the capital improvement fund (see letter). Harold moved to approve the transfer of \$40,000 to the capital improvement fund and Bob seconded. Discussion about line item 340 (utilities) and Crago's suggestion to increase the budget to \$1000. Communication is still being initiated between Weed District and Road & Bridge. A rug service inquiry will also be made by the Weed District. New line items will be created for MDOT and MRL. Bob moved to approve the budget and Harold seconded. Motion Passed.

**Weed Management Plan:** Harold pointed out a typo on page 4 of "he" should be "the." Dana proposed to add poison hemlock to the county noxious weed list. Harold moved, Bob seconded, motion passed. Dana made an update for a future website and social media page, a contract will be presented later to be approved. Harold moved to approve the Weed Management Plan, Bob seconded, motion passed.

**Biocontrol program update:** On June 8, five releases were delivered for Dalmatian toadflax out north by Lindsey. There will be a biocontrol workshop July 6 at the Fishtail Community Center.

**Agency Update:**

- **MDOT**
  - \$6792.36 left in budget. Needs to be spent by June 30.
  - Bob Montgomery sprayed North Frontage Rd.
  - Red Rooster Ranch Spraying will be spraying between Columbus and Absorkee on Hwy 78.
- **MRL**
  - Al signed the amended contract for \$5000.00.

- **FWP**
  - \$3500.00 left in budget.
- **Solid Waste Sites**
  - Sterilization to be started soon.
  - All sprayers should be in operation next week.
- **Commercial Applicators**
  - **Area 1 (AEI)**
    - In progress.
  - **Area 2 (RRRS)**
    - Will start spraying right-of-ways next week.
  - **Area 3 (Range Rider)**
    - Whitetop spraying completed.
  - **Area 4 (Bob)**
    - Whitetop spraying completed.

**Equipment Updates:** The Kubota has been used for sterilant spraying from the empty chemical jugs in shop. It needs an oil change. Tank cleaning is in progress on the ATV, Ford, and Dodge. Dana took the Ford to the Yellowstone and Carbon County Weed Districts to inspect. The system set-up is a SPARKS system with mechanical and functional issues of the broad jets, small motor, and leaking hoses. The safety features missing are a spill kit and eye wash station. Harold suggested talking to Vince Thomas about what it would take to get the Ford up and running. A tour was given of all the equipment and chemical storage area. Dana proposed the Weed District purchase hand tools, a floor jack, air compressor, and a pressure washer for equipment maintenance. Harold moved to spend \$2400.00 on proposed miscellaneous equipment, Bob seconded, motion passed.

**Update on Weed Department Facilities:** Discussion was made about the Carbon and Yellowstone County Weed District shop set ups. Looking into old city shop building status with Dennis Holton.

**Coordinator Report:**

- Non-Compliance letter approved by county attorney.
  - MDA, YCWD, and CCWD both use same template.
  - Non-Compliance letter consists of:
    - Letter
    - Map
    - Chemical rate sheet
    - Applicator list
- Two sub-division inspections were completed.
- Tordon program at Farmers Union and Farmers Supply in Reed Point.
- The SCWD donated folders for MT Range Days.
- New desk will be set up.
- Passed NWSSF test.
- Paid fees to renew Right-of-way, Regulatory Weed, and dealer licenses.
- Weed of Week in Stillwater County News.
- Toured Yellowstone River Ranch.

Carl moves to adjourn, seconded by Bob, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.