

Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
July 05, 2017
1:00 PM
Weed District Office

Minutes Subject to Approval

Present: Harold Riensche
Al Nordahl
Bob Kirch
Mark Crago
Dana Weatherford

Absent: Eric Lowell
Carl Thompson

Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting: Bob moved to approve the minutes from the June 13th meeting. Harold seconded, motion carried.

Budget Approval: Discussion and a motion made from the previous meeting to transfer \$40,000 to the capital improvement fund wasn't approved by Human Resources and Finance due the specifics listed in the letter submitted to the Stillwater County Weed Board. The specific line items (#111,#112, #300) listed in the letter would not total \$40,000. Harold moved to rewrite the letter for the approval of the transfer of \$40,000 to the capital improvement fund out of the overall weed budget and Bob seconded. Motion Passed. Harold questioned Mark Crago about where does excess income of money go once it's deposited in the revenue account: from future sprayer rentals fees, Tordon 22K sales, and labor from contracts. Mark will talk to Joe and report back to the board. Discussion was made about paying the right-of-way applicators in the 2016-2017 year or the 2017-2018 year. Bob motioned to pay the ROW applicators with 2017-2018 funds due to the ¾ of applicators are currently spraying. Harold seconded. Motion passed.

Agency Update:

- **MDOT**
 - All \$6792.36 was spent by June 30.
 - Bob Montgomery sprayed North Frontage Rd and Highway 10 E from Park City to Columbus.
 - Red Rooster Ranch Spraying completed spraying between Columbus and Absorkee on Hwy 78. They will spray from Ollie's Corner to the Carbon County Line on Hwy 78.
- **MRL**
 - Current contract for \$5000.00.
- **FWP**
 - \$3500.00 left in budget.

- **Solid Waste Sites**
 - Columbus half way completed.
- **Commercial Applicators**
 - **Area 1 (AEI)**
 - Completed at 90 hours.
 - **Area 2 (RRRS)**
 - Completed round one of spraying. Will start next week for round two with the Road & Bridge kochia project in effect.
 - **Area 3 (Range Rider)**
 - Will start next week for round two with the Road & Bridge kochia project in effect.
 - **Area 4 (Bob)**
 - Round two is in effect for noxious weeds and kochia.
- **Road & Bridge**
 - Marsh Pit Sprayed on June 28.
- **Other**
 - Ambulance Barn sterilized.
 - Fairgrounds sterilized.

Equipment Updates: The Kubota had a complete service on June 22. Dana inquired how much it would cost to service the Kubota through Billings Kubota. The cost would be about \$380-\$400. Until absolute need the Weed District will service the Kubota. Tank cleaning has been successful in the Dodge and the rear tank of the Ford. Another cleaning will have to be done on the front tank of the Ford. The system set-up in the Ford is a SPARKS system and the Weed Board suggested to talk to Vince Thomas about the set-up and his suggestions for making it operable. Mark is going to check with Joe Morse about how much the whole set-up of the Ford cost. Discussion was made about putting a deposit and fee on the sprayer rentals that the County provides to the public due to the wear and tear that has occurred (missing nozzles). Mark presented the YCWD rental fee list as a possible guide line for future SCWD rental prices. Harold motioned the SCWD start charging for rental sprayers during the 2018 spray season. Bob seconded.

Update on Weed Department Facilities: The current standing with the building is the commission believes the county has too many standing county buildings. Mark suggested if the board knew Alice Nordahl or Ron Olson with Timber Weld for a potential purchase of some property or rental of buildings. The town of Columbus also has a lot of land to sell. Harold inquired about how much purchasing power the Weed Board has. Mark will look into it. Discussion was made about the Carbon County Weed District shop set up at 140 ft x 34ft. The CCWD highly suggest making the shop wider. Al and Mark appointed a committee to look forward into acquiring land with the capital outlay program. The committee consists of Harold, Al, and Bob.

Coordinator Report: The Two Rivers Grant is still in effect with only \$2034.40 left in the budget. Dana asked if we continue to use Nigel Davis as the applicator on the grant. The chemical that was bought in November does not qualify for the grant. Harold motioned to use \$3000.00 for the grant with the SCWD covering a max of \$1000.00 for labor and/or materials. Bob seconded. Dana will visit with Nigel about providing chemical. Bob made the motion that the county needs to purchase county shirts. Harold seconded. Motion passed and Dana will start that project.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 pm.