

**Stillwater Weed Management District
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2014**

Minutes Approved

Present: Harold Riensche
Al Nordahl
Lindsey Clark

Absent: Eric Lowell
Carl Thompson
Bob Kirch

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm. Al volunteered to take notes for this meeting.

Minutes from previous meeting were discussed. Seeing no quorum present, no motion was made.

Budget

- Was discussed. Lindsey stated the new budget should be out in early September.

Weed control update

- All areas have completed their spraying and Lindsey is awaiting final bills and application records. Area four is finishing up spot treatment of R. thistle and kochia.
- About 5000 acres were signed up to be sprayed with the helicopter. Due to inclement weather around the state, Heliworks was behind schedule and didn't get to Stillwater County until late July. Because of this, fewer acres were sprayed than what was expected.
- Two insectaries, established in the past few years, were collected from this year. Lindsey held a few collection days between the Fishtail and Reed Point sight with over 40 collections of flea beetles and oberea total. Numerous landowners came out to help collect. More collection days could have been set up if there was help to oversee them.
- Over 40 non-compliance letters had been sent thus far. A more positive response to the "friendly" non-compliance letters has been seen, compared to previous years.

UTV Purchase

- Lindsey handed out a comparison sheet of different UTV brands available (Kubota, Honda, Polaris). Two used units just came in at Kubota of Billings; one has relatively low miles (about 450). Lindsey will look at this unit tomorrow.

Grant/Project Updates

- Lindsey talked about the 2 Rivers CWMA grant. Bob's Noxious Weed Control was going to start on the 18th spraying saltcedar on the Yellowstone. Noel broke his ankle and will not be able to help with the Stillwater River spray project this year. Lindsey is having a hard time finding a contractor who is willing to dedicate a couple weeks to help with the project.

- Lindsey presented the sign the Weed District and the SVWC have designed to post (on latrine doors) at fishing access sights informing visitors of prevalent noxious weeds in the area.
 - The Weed District purchased eight signs to post at sites north of Jeffrey's Landing and those along the Yellowstone River
 - The SVWC purchased 10 signs which are posted on all sites from Jeffrey's Landing south.

Weed Program Assistant Position

- One application was recently received for the position. Lindsey will contact the applicant and interview committee to set up an interview.

Coordinator Report

- There will be saltcedar tour hosted by CPS tomorrow. They will be touring test plots in Carbon and Treasure Counties.
- Lindsey will be attending the Level II Weed Management Workshop in Bozeman September 30-October 2.
- The MWCA Fall Coordinator Training will take place in Big Timber in mid-October. Lindsey plans to attend.

Next meeting will be November 12 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.