

Madison County Weed Board

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was brought to order September 12, 2019 at 1:45 by Board Chair, John Armstrong. Present were Board members Julie Peterson, Todd Durham, Rick Sandru , Aaron Paulson. Weed Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Assistant Coordinator Dale Grose, Compliance Tech, Herb Smith. Minutes were taken by Office Manager, Janie Alt.

Public comment of Items on Agenda: None

After review Julie moved to approve the June 19, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion was carried.

Coordinator Evaluation.: Board Chair, John Armstrong presented Margie with the Boards evaluations. Margie reviewed and John signed off on the evaluation and a copy will be given to CAO, Bonnie O'Neill.

Old Business:

Office & Program: See Attached

- Herbicide sales continue to go up.
- Margie reported an incident she and Herb had in the office with a landowner to the Board.
- Margie informed the Board that Orange Hawkweed has been found up in Big Sky. This area has been treated. Margie also discussed another area of Orange Hawkweed found up on forest service in Hells Canyon. Margie has reported this to the Madison Ranger district, but is not sure if this location has been treated or not. Rick Sandru suggested she get ahold of Dave Sabo, Ranger from the Butte/Jefferson Ranger district. Also a small patch of St. Johnswort has been reported to be up Ramshorn by BLM Crew member, Jack Eddie. Jack treated the area. Another small one was reported on US 87 and was sprayed by TKO, Kelly Leo. All new locations will continue to be monitored.

Facilities/Equipment: Reports from Assistant Coordinator, Dale Grose

- All safety violations have been addressed
- Two 8' trailers were traded in on a new 14' trailer.
- In the process of looking for a truck to purchase to replace Assistant Coordinator truck.

Personnel:

- One crew finished up today and one crew will stay on for another week. Dale and Janie will continue on with clean up areas.

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Weed Management Plans:

- After review Rick made a motion to approve the subdivision weed management plan for Lee's Pool as submitted. Julie seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.
- After review Aaron made motion to approve the Right of Way Waiver for Reinschmidt as submitted. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

- Compliance Tech Herb Smith reported that there has been 100 letters sent out to landowners this season with 65 responding. Thirty five seconded notices have been sent out with 1 final. Margie will start the process of an enforcement next week. Overall Herb said the responses from landowners have been good.

Fall Aerial:

- Margie is lining up some fall aerial work to be done in the South Madison, Spanish Q, Nevada City, Williams Cr., Story Property, Wet & Dry Georgia area and will be contacting some landowner who are interested as well. Also she is hoping to get some aerial spraying done with a drone on BLM hill side between Alder & Nevada City.

Budget

- The Board reviewed and discussed the budget.
- Cash on hand for the **2140** - \$158,282.00 and in the **2840** - \$19,190.00.

Other New Business: None

Public Comment items not on Agenda: None

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Next meeting TBA

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt