

# **Madison County Weed Board**

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was brought to order March 29, 2018 by Board Chair John Armstrong at 1:58 P.M. at the Weed Board Office in Alder, Montana. Present were Coordinator; Margie Edsall, Board members; Rick Sandru, Julie Peterson, Program Assistant, Dale Grose and Commissioner Dan Allhands. Absent were Board members Charlie Gilman and Todd Durham. Office Assistant, Janie Alt was present to take minutes.

Public comment of Items on Agenda: None

Rick moved to approve the February 15, 2017 meeting with minor corrections. John second. All voted aye and motion was carried.

On March 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. the Madison County Weed Board met for their regular Board meeting. At that meeting Rick made the motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the herbicide bid for the 2018 season be awarded to Crop Production Services in the amount of \$53,484.88. Julie seconded. All voted aye and motion passed.

## **Old Business:**

### **Office & Program:**

- Margie reported to the Board that there will be no BLM funding this season. She stated that the State offices decided everything should go out to contract. Margie also informed the Board that there is a letter writing campaign going on and asked the Board for their support in writing a letter to Senator Zinke and cc it to a few other Representatives stating how it will impact not just ours but everyone's program. The Board encouraged her to write the letters.

### **Facilities/Equipment:** Reports from Dale

- New ranger is all set up and ready to go except for hoses
- 2001 Ford diesel received a new water pump
- Dale discussed the purchase of purchasing 1 buddy reel for one of the 6 wheelers. There has been a discrepancy in price. Discussion will continue at next Board meeting.
- Dale received an estimate from Volt Electric to fix some electrical issues in the shop. That estimate was for \$3,646.08.

### **Personnel:**

- Crew interviews were held the morning of March 29, 2018.
- At the regular Board meeting that afternoon the Board discussed the applicants interviewed. Julie moved to recommend the following to be hired for the 2018 season as field crew personnel. Ed Burke, Chuck Selby, Cassandra Williams, Chase Grover, RaeAnne Bendon, James Klyap, Alisha Lingle with Nikole Stocketts as alternate and Kate Resse as second alternate. Rick seconded and the motion carried.
- Julie moved to recommend Steffanie Edson for the Compliance/Mapping Tech position. Rick seconded. All voted aye and motion passed.

### **Grant Update**

- Upper Ruby Revisited Grant was awarded \$41,617.
- Jack Cr Cooperative Continue was awarded \$21,172.
- Margie asked the Board for permission to sit in on the WHIP grant hearing May 18, 2018 in support.
- Margie reported that MVRG, Melissa Griffiths, Bio Project grant received \$7,000.
- Margie mentioned to the Board that she is up for re-applying to the Trust Fund Council.

**Other Old Business: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Weed Management Plans:**

- Rick made a motion to approve the subdivision WMP for the Overlook (Lone Mountain Land Company) and the North 40, Phase 4 as submitted. Julie seconded. All voted aye and motion passed.
- Julie made the motion to accept the right of way waiver for Gail Cole as submitted. Rick seconded. All voted aye and motion passed.
- Julie made motion to approve the Gravel Pit permit up Jack Cr. for Madison County as submitted. Rick seconded. All voted aye and motion passed.

**Madison Inserts:**

- Weed Inserts will be in the mid-April issue of the Madisonian.

**Budget**

- The Board reviewed and discussed the budget.
- Cash on hand for the 2140 - \$211,565.35 and in the 2840 - \$9,427.81
- There will be a budget amendment made to the contingency line item.

**Other New Business:** None

**Public Comment items not on Agenda:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Next meeting will be in May 17, 2018

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt