

# **Madison County Weed Board**

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was brought to order June 19, 2019 at 1:38 by Board Chair, John Armstrong. Present were Board members Julie Peterson and Todd Durham, Weed Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, and Assistant Coordinator Dale Grose. Absent were Board members Rick Sandru , Aaron Paulson, Compliance Tech, Herb Smith and Office Manager, Janie Alt. Minutes were taken by Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall.

## **Public comment of Items on Agenda:** None

After review Julie moved to approve the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes as submitted. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion was carried.

## **Old Business:**

### **Office & Program:**

- Spring weed management on Butte & Bozeman DOT right-of-ways have been completed & billing sent.
- Madison County Weed Crew, FWP, BLM and a few people from the Grazing Association participated in the Rob/Ledford co-op day on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Margie held a Pesticide Safety training for the fairground personnel on June 17<sup>th</sup>.
- On June 6, Margie participated in a training along with MVRG, Melissa Griffiths and the Stream Team for Madison Valley, on EDDmaps.

### **Facilities/Equipment:** Reports from Assistant Coordinator, Dale Grose

- Updates were given on the BLM truck repair
- Will be doing clutch repair on the 2013 6 wheeler

### **Personnel:**

- Margie reported that there is a 4 full crews and is hopeful for a successful season.
- Compliance Tech, Herb Smith is getting out in the field and helping landowners identify their weeds and will be sending out some Good Neighbor letters in the next few days.

### **Other Old Business:** None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Weed Management Plans:**

- After review Julie made a motion to approve the subdivision weed management plan for the North 40, Phase 5 as submitted. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.
- After review Todd made motion to approve Right of Way Waivers for Eberline and Hicks as submitted. Julie seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.
- After review Todd made motion to approve the Utility permit for 3 Rivers Cooperative, Parts of Twin Bridges South & East, as submitted. Julie seconded. All voted aye and motion carried

### **Cell Phone Stipend:**

- Todd made motion to pay a stipend to crew members who use EDDmaps on their personal phones to map weeds in the amount of \$15.00 per month for 1 year. Julie seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

**Initial Plan of Work:**

- Margie discussed with the Board about the need to look at increasing charge out rates for DOT & BLM due to cost of wages, tires, fuel and normal wear and tear on vehicles. Last increase was back in 2012.

**Budget**

- The Board reviewed and discussed the budget.
- Cash on hand for the **2140** - \$314,883.99 and in the **2840** - \$17,821.72. Margie reported that the cash on hand is higher than anticipated. She is looking at purchasing another side x side and lowering requested mills.

**Other New Business:** None

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

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 P.M.

Next meeting will tentatively be in Aug 8, 2019

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt

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