

Madison County Weed Board

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board of April 20, 2023 was brought to order, at 1:35 by Vice Chair, Rick Sandru. Present were Coordinator Dale Grose, Board members, Kent Tilstra, Todd Durham, Mark Boyd. Office Assistant, Janie Alt was present to take minutes.

Public comment of Items on Agenda: None

Interviews were held at 11:15

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- After review, Todd moved to approve the January 20, 2023 meeting minutes with corrections. Kent seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Office & Program:

- Dale & Janie attended the 2023 MWCA Annual Conference in Helena on January 6 - 11.
- Dale met with the Commissioners on January 29, to approve listing Common Mullein as a County listed noxious weed.
- Crew Training will be held May 31 & June 1.
- HB 86 was signed by the Governor.
- Received state bid prices for herbicides.
- Dale reported to the Board that the buyout on the printer was \$289 and then it is ours. We will not continue with monthly lease contract but, with that we would keep the maintenance plan.

Facilities/Equipment:

- Dale is working on putting the sprayer together for the new Honda Pioneer.
- Dale reported to the Board that the 2011 6x6 need a new clutch. Mark moved to approve the repairs on the 2011 6x6. Todd seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Personnel:

- Rick made recommendation to hire 3 returning crew members. Kent made motion to approve the recommendation to hire the 3 return crew members. Mark seconded. All voted aye, motion carried. Dale will take the recommendations to the Commissioners for approval.
- Compliance Tech will begin work May 16.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Weed Management Plans:

- Todd moved to approve the utilities permit WMP from 3 Rivers for the Ennis CAPX Project with modifications to state “as needed for 3 years”. Kent seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Kent moved to approve the Opencut permit WMP for M & W Milling & Refining Mill Site as submitted. Todd seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

- Mark moved to approve the Subdivision WMP for MB MT Ambassador-Moonlight West with modifications to include “all noxious weeds”.
- Kent moved to approve the WMP for Freddy’s Place as submitted. Todd seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Grants:

- Noxious Weed Trust Fund awarded the Upper Ruby Grant \$28,000, North/South Meadow Cr. \$10,000, Bio Grant was awarded \$11,500 & Special County Reservation Grant was \$7,500.

Replacement Windows:

- Dale presented the Board with a quote from Beaverhead Glass in the amount of \$3,624 to replace the windows in the office. After a short discussion it was decided that Dale would get quotes from IMOC and local lumber companies on windows and check with a few local licensed contractors to get quotes from.

SW Area Trailer:

- Dale discussed with the Board about donating \$250 to the SW Area Education Trailer to go toward updating the wrap on the trailer. The trailer is full of educational material to used at local events throughout the SW area by Coordinators. Mark moved to approve donating \$250 to the SW Area Education Trailer. Todd seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Highway Contracts:

- The Board had some concerns on how the highway contracts were being handled. They felt like the contracts should have to be put out for bid. Dale stated that he had asked Commissioner Allhands if he had to put it out for bid or could he just keep contracting with the same contractors that have been doing the application for the last couple years. Commissioner Allhands stated to Dale that he was ok going with the same contractors. After a lengthy discussion it was determined that next year they will put it back out to bid.

Budget:

- The Board reviewed and discussed the regular budget.
- After review of the budget Kent made a motion for Dale to proceed with the replacement of the windows not to exceed \$3,600.
- Cash on hand for the **2140** - \$370,26338 and in the **2840** - \$ **12,792.73**

Other New Business:

- Dale met with Martin Holtmayer, FWP to sign an agreement in the amount of \$25,000 to do weed control on Madison County fishing accesses. Dale stated that he was working with Red Iron Air to do some drone work on the Raynolds Pass fishing access.
- Dale and Janie have been working on a 5 year BLM agreement for the amount of \$225,000.

Public Comment items not on Agenda: None

Adjourn:

- Todd made the motion to adjourn. Kent seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Next meeting TBA

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt, Office Assistant