

Judith Basin County Weed Board Meeting
September 21st, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Kulish at 2:20 pm at the Judith Basin County Courthouse.

Present at the meeting: Jim Kulish, Luke Faber, Lee Hansen, John McCray, and Katie Hatlelid. Guests present: Roger Riley, and Michelle Lynn.

Minutes were read by Katie Hatlelid

John moved and Lee seconded to approve the minutes

Minutes were approved as read

Announcements – Dave Burch will be here Oct 20th, would like to meet with the weed board.

There were no public comments

Old Business:

Weed Trust Fund Grant – Andy Orr of Hamilton sprayed white top in June, but wasn't able to stay as long as planned due to a mechanical issue. There are still funds available in this grant. The grant awarded this year is available til Oct. 1st 2016. New and existing cooperators in the grant area need to be signed up by Dec. 1st. John moved and Luke seconded a motion to continue the whitetop grant for another year. Motion passed.

Resolution Providing for Reorganization of the JBC Weed District Board - the document was reviewed and amendments were proposed at the May meeting, Roger will follow up with the commissioners regarding the amendments and adoption.

Contract Applicator Application – it was discussed that the end of Jim Sparks' two year contract is near. The board would like to entertain bids for the contract as in the past. Applications would likely be due by the middle of November.

New Business:

New Grant:

Michelle proposed going after a new grant to address the spotted knapweed in the Raynesford area. Lee moved and John seconded the motion to find cooperators and pursue a spotted knapweed grant.

- Along with that, there is a \$7500 grant from the Noxious Weed Trust Fund that is guaranteed to each county every year. Roger suggested using those funds to help pay Michelle's administration costs to write the new grant. The board's consensus was that would be fine, if there were leftover funds, they would be applied towards weed control. When Dave Birch is here in Oct. the question will be posed to him.

EPA PAT Rule Changes

There are rule changes proposed by the EPA regarding the Private Applicator Training program. The comment period ends the 24th of Nov. Details were emailed by Katie to the board after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Katie Hatlelid