

Judith Basin County Weed Board

November 20th, 2020

Call to Order by Rod Mikkelsen at 11:00 AM

Present: Rod Mikkelsen, John McCray, Lowell Hodge, Jim Kulish, John Bodner, Jim Sparks, Aaron Carroll, Pam Linker, Roger Riley, Michelle Lynn, Katie Hatlelid

Minutes were presented, Jim moved(John M.) to approve as presented. Motion passed.

No Public Comment

Old Business:

Board member renew – John McCray is willing to serve another term, next term will be up in 2025. Rod Mikkelsen is also willing to serve another term beginning July 1, 2021, ending 2026. Roger will relay this to the Commissioners and recommend for reappointment.

Grant Updates – The white top grant was denied this year, mostly due to lack of landowner participation, and the grant for that particular project has run its course. There is an app that is the required way for landowners to report their progress and participation, and it is less than user friendly to navigate. The Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant that yields \$7,500 annually is usually used for Michelle Lynn's time to put the other grants together. In the past couple years, there have been funds left over that need to be spent on Weed Board expenses. Roger suggested using those funds for repairs to the weed board funded equipment building in Hobson. Jim (John M.) moved to use the balance of the previous \$7,500 grants to make capital improvements on weed board facilities. Motion Passed.

New Grant Project – Looking at a new Leafy Spurge grant in the Buffalo/Garniel/Judith Gap area. John M. moved (Lowell) to use the 2021 NWSF funds for Michelle's time to investigate and apply for another large grant for next year. Motion passed.

Weed management Plan Update – minor updates to the biennial weed management plan. Attached to minutes. John M. moved (John B.) to approve the plan update. Motion Passed.

Budget Update – to date in FY 2021 \$9,566 has been spent in chemical, and \$15,100 in labor.

New Business:

Wheatland Co. Weed Cooperation project – Wheatland County has a weed control project that encompasses landowners on the county line with property in each county. The Wheatland County Weed Board needs a letter of support from the Judith Basin County Weed Board for this grant application. John B. moved (Jim) to support the project with a letter. Motion Passed. Chairman Mikkelsen signed the letter and Michelle will get it passed on to Wheatland Co.

Next meeting date – April 2021

Adjourned 12:05pm