

Judith Basin County Weed Board Minutes  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kulish at 1:31pm at the Judith Basin County Courthouse.

Present at the meeting: Jim Kulish, Lee Hansen, Lowell Hodge, Luke Faber, Roger Riley, Michelle Lynn, Jim Moore, and Katie Hatlelid.

Minutes were read by Katie Hatlelid, they were amended and approved as amended.

There were no announcements

No public comment

Old Business:

**Spraying Contract** – the contract that Jim Sparks submitted last fall was accepted. It is a two year contract, to be billed at \$100 per unit hour. Lee moved and Lowell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to purchase chemical through the nozzle. Motion passed.

**Grant Results** – the Noxious Weed Trust Fund's guaranteed \$7,500 was awarded again, and it will be used primarily to fund the extra hours that Michelle puts in writing grants for the county. The white top control grant was awarded \$16,532. It's the 7<sup>th</sup> year in this grant, and there has been over \$100,000 spent in that area so far. The new knapweed grant that was applied for received \$10,000 for helicopter spraying of knapweed in the Raynesford area.

**Bylaws** – have been adopted and the members' rotation will be as follows: Luke Faber – term ends '16, Lee Hansen – term ends '17, Lowell Hodge – term ends '18, Jim Kulish – term ends '19, and John McCray – term ends '20. All members are appointed by the county commissioners. If a member resigns, notice will be posted at least 30 days prior to appointment.

New Business:

**BioControl Workshop** – Katie would like to put on a biocontrol workshop in the fall, and would like to include the weed board in the process. Suggestions included using the Raynesford Community Hall and releasing knapweed insects. The board could use this occasion to follow up on the grant work that has been done in the area. Documentation will be helpful to the grant process in the future.

The county shop is not retaining an inventory of chemical to sell.

Brent Noland would like to do a "spray day" in Geysers, the board would be willing to do an educational day, rather than handing out chemical.

Katie handed out materials regarding the EPA's Worker Protection Standard, defining the Exclusion Zone.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Katie Hatlelid