

Judith Basin County Weed Board Minutes

April 18th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kulish at 7:15pm at the JB County Courthouse.

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

The Minutes were read by the members, and approved pending confirmation of the dollar figures reported as spent on spraying efforts as of last fall.

There was no public comment

Old Business:

Grant Results – the NWTF guaranteed \$7,500 was again awarded. This will be used to fund Michelle's extra hours writing grants for the weed board. The white top grant was awarded \$17,797 and the knapweed grant was awarded \$12,100.

New Business:

BioControl Workshop – the board agreed that it would be beneficial to have another workshop or two this summer in the Utica/Hobson area. The board also passed a motion made by Lowell Hodge and 2nd by John M. to donate \$400 to the MT BioControl Project so Melissa Kassner can continue her work with the organization.

Mower – the need for a new mower was discussed, and it was the consensus of the board that they would not buy a new mower at this time.

Black Henbane – Roger reported that Jane Mangold, the MSU Ext. Invasive Plant Specialist, had contacted him to determine the county status of the weed. There is a movement to add it to the State Nox. Weed list. John M. moved and Lowell 2nd adding Black Henbane to our county Noxious Weed list. The motion was tabled until the process for adding weeds to the county list can be determined.

Board Vacancies – Lee Hansen resigned in October, John Bodner was appointed by the Commissioners to finish his term. John has agreed to be reappointed July 1 for a 5 year term ending 2022.

Luke Faber has also resigned, his term ending in 2021. The board would like to recommend Rod Mikkelsen for that vacancy. The Commissioners will choose an appointee after the advertising period is complete.

Spray Contract – the spray contract will be advertised again this fall. This is the second year of Jim Sparks' contract.

The next meeting will be called as necessary, most likely this fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully submitted by Katie Hatlelid - Approved by the board November 6th, 2017.