

Judith Basin County Weed Board Minutes

October 12, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Kulish at 6:00 pm at the Judith Basin County Courthouse Meeting Room.

Present at the meeting were: Jim Kulish, Lowell Hodge, Luke Faber, John McCray, Roger Riley, Michelle Lynn, Jim Moore and John Bodner.

Minutes were read by Roger Riley, motion to approve minutes as read by Luke Faber and 2nd by Lowell Hodge, motion carried.

Old Business:

Road Spraying report: Roger stated that \$22,612.00 was spent on spraying and chemical in the spring FY16. And that \$22,368.00 was spent on spraying and chemical in FY17. There is approximately \$63,000.00 budgeted for contract spraying and chemical. John M. asked "How buying chemical through the nozzle worked?" Roger stated that he felt it worked well since there aren't any inventory issues to deal with and the ROW's indicate that chemical is being applied.

Grant Spraying report: Michelle reported that \$9,977.76 was spent of the \$10,000.00 that was awarded to the Knapweed Grant. She also reported that \$ 14,663.65 was spent on the Whitetop Grant so far this spray season. Michelle also reported that Jasmine Reimer from the MT Dept. of Ag was here in September to view the grant project areas.

Bio-Control report: Michelle reported that there were two bio workshops one in Raynesford with approx. 9 people attending and one in Geysers with approx. 15 people attending. Michelle said Katie did a very good job on the workshops and the information from them should be valuable for use in the grant application process.

New Business:

\$7500.00 Grant: A motion made by Lowell Hodge and seconded Luke Faber with motion passing unanimously to apply for the \$7500.00 grant and to use it for Michelle Lynn's wages involving grant work and the remainder to be used for weed department equipment and maintenance."

Whitetop\Knapweed Grant: A motion made by John McCray and seconded Luke Faber with motion passing unanimously to move forward with these two grants if cooperator support warrants it.

Noxious Weed Management Plan: A motion made by John McCray and seconded Luke Faber with motion passing unanimously to adopt existing plan with updated information.

Resignation: The board was informed by Jim Moore that Lee Hansen has turned in his resignation from the County Weed Board effective immediately and the position is advertised in the Judith Basin Press.

The board discussed the qualifications of John Bodner. John is from the Raynesford area, which is where Lee Hansen is resigned from. The board recommended that John would be a good candidate for the board position.

Adjourn: 7:08pm A motion made by Luke Faber and seconded John McCray with motion passing unanimously to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Riley