

Madison County Weed Board

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was brought to order on April 21, 2015 by Board Chair Betty Sykes at 1:30 PM. Present were Margie Edsall, Coordinator, Board members John Armstrong, Charlie Gilman, Todd Durham, and new Board member Rick Sandru, Dale Grose, Program Assistant. Janie Alt, Office Assistant was present to take minutes.

11:00 a.m. – Crew Interviews for the 2015 season were held.

Pledge of Allegiance was performed

John Armstrong moved to approve the March 18, 2015 meeting. Charlie Gilman second. All voted aye & motion was carried.

Public Comment: None

Upper Ruby RAC Proposal Opening: Klint Todd, SW Weed Control, LLC, Zac Murphy, Rocky Mountain Weed & Pest Management and Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator were present for this portion of the meeting. Margie open and read the sealed proposals from SW Weed Control, LLC, RMWPM and Rubystone Resource partnered with S & H Weed Control. After a lengthy discussion & careful consideration John made a motion to accept the proposal from Rubystone Resource/S & H Weed Control. Betty seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Herbicide Bids: Sealed bids from Helena Chemical, Harrison Elevator and CPS Timberland were open and read by Margie. After Board discussion Charlie made motion to accept the bid from CPS Timberland. Todd seconded. All voted aye motion carried.

Office & Program : Margie reported to the Board that she is still making changes to the Continuity Plan.
Dale is busy changing out 4 of the tanks on the BLM & Roadside ATV's from 25 gal. tanks to 15 gal tanks.
Janie updating SDS books
Margie reported that a draft for MACo's Best Management Practices for ATV/UTV should be coming out soon.

Board Meeting Schedule: Charlie made motion to change the Regular Scheduled Board meetings from the 3rd Thursday of the month to the 2nd Thursday of the month. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Other Old Business: None

Weed Management Plans: John moved to approve the 3 Right-of-Way waivers as submitted. Charlie seconded. All voted aye and motion carried,
John moved to approve WMP for Silvertip Phaze II Subd. and Montana Club Subd as submitted. Betty seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

Preliminary Budget: Margie handed the Board a copy of the budget and asked them to review it and get back to her with any questions.

Crew Hiring: Charlie made a motion to hire Jacob Huffield, Bryan Todd and Jerry Simard to fill the Field Crew positions and Kaylee Clemmons as an alternate in the event that one of the others are unable to fulfill their obligations. The Board voted to offer Joanie Shorridge the

Compliance Tech position with opportunity to fill in as a floater if needed. John seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

State Bio Program: Margie informed the Board that the State Bio program solicites the Board every year to donate toward funding a State Bio Coordinator position. Margie expressed that she would rather contribute money to the kids that work in the Ennis School Bio Program. The Board agreed with Margie

Board Position: Margie informed newly appointed Board member Rick Sandru that Laurie Buyan, Administrative Assistant for the Commissioners will be sending him a letter stating he has been officially appointed as a Weed Board member.

Budget: Margie explained the budget to Rick. The Board reviewed the budget. Margie reported to the Board the cash on hand for the 2140 is \$181,331.00 and the 2840 is \$16,218.00. She also visited with the Board about using the \$7,500 Special County Reservation grant money to purchase another 6wheeler.

Other New Business: None.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt, Office Assistant

Next Board meeting will be May 14th.

Approved