

Madison County Weed Board

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board of February 17, 2022 was brought to order, at 1:35 by Board Chair, John Armstrong. Present were Coordinator Dale Grose, Board members, Kent Tilstra, Rick Sandru, Todd Durham and Mark Boyd. Office Assistant, Janie Alt was present to take minutes.

Public comment of Items on Agenda: None

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- After review, Rick moved to approve the November 18, 2021. Todd seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Office & Program:

- Grants for North/South Meadow Cr, Upper Ruby Continuation IV and th Madison County Bio-control Project have been submitted to the Noxious Weed Trust Fund. Grant hearings will be held March 7 – 11.
- There will be a Private Applicator Training held at the Alder Community Center on March 16, 2022. This will be for certification and recertification (6 credits available).
- Dale handed out a summary of expenditures from the Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance showing what the \$2,500 the Madison County Weed Board donated went towards.
- Dale reported that \$93, 443.20 was paid out to 262 landowners that utilized the County Cost Share Program.
- On February 1-2 Janie attended the 65th MWCA Annual Conference.
- Included in the Boards packet were dates for the 2022 season cooperative/work days, Scope of work for DOT Highways along with the DOT Hwy Contracts for review.
- Dale passed around a summary that Spanish Peaks Resort sent showing what they spent on weed control last season.

Facilities/Equipment: Reports from Dale

- A safety inspection was done on November 21, 2021. There was 1 violation which has since been remedied.

Personnel:

- Dale stated he is looking to hire 6 field crew personnel and possibly a Compliance Tech. There was a discussion on why it seems to be so hard to find personnel and wages were brought up. Kent suggested talking to the Commissioner about the possibility of raising wages. Dale stated it would most likely have to be brought up to HR. Dale will discuss this issue with HR.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Weed Management Plans:

- None.

Appointment of Chair & Vice Chair:

- Todd moved to reappoint John Armstrong as Board Chairman and Rick Sandru as Vice Chairman. Mark seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Interview Committee:

- Interviews will be held on April 21st. Will set up committee closer to that date.

Update Subdivision Fees:

- Rick made the motion to approve the changed Subdivision fees of \$150 for 5 lots or less for a minor subdivision and a major subdivision \$150 for the 1st 5 and \$20 for every lot after that. Kent seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

PEP Training:

- Dale asked the Board for their approval to attend the 2022 MSU Pesticide Education Program training. Cost of the training is \$100 and will be held in Bozeman on April 7 & 8.
Rick moved to approve Dale attending the PEP Training. Kent seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Budget:

- The Board reviewed and discussed the regular budget.
- Cash on hand for the **2140** - \$395,023.98 and in the **2840** - \$ **4,43.6.77**.

Other New Business:

Public Comment items not on Agenda: None

Adjourn:

- Rick made the motion to adjourn. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Next meeting TBA

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt, Office Assistant