

# Madison County Weed Board

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was brought to order April 15, 2021, at 1:32 by Board Chair, John Armstrong. Present were Coordinator Dale Grose, Board members, Todd Durham, Kent Tilstra, Rick Sandru, Mark Boyd and Office Assistant, Janie Alt.

Interviews were conducted earlier that morning for the purpose of hiring 2021 Field Crew, a part-time Maintenance person and a Compliance/Mapping Tech.

**Public comment of Items on Agenda:** None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- After review, Todd moved to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes as submitted. Kent seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

**Interview Committee Recommendations:**

- After discussing applicants, Rick moved to approve three returners, Ed Burke, John White & Nikole Stockett. Also recommended for hire was Andrew Allhands, Mason Zlotnik, and Colton Hellwinkel for Field Crew personnel. Todd seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.
- Todd moved to approve Bruce Kobielush as the Compliance/Mapping Tech and Cody Martens, part-time Maintenance person. Rick seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

**Old Business:**

**Office & Program:**

- No report

**Facilities/Equipment:**

- No report

**Personnel:**

- Dale informed the Board that he would not be looking to fill the Assistant Coordinator position. He reiterated that he would be the one running the crews and spend time out in the shop along with the part-time Maintenance person to keep equipment up and running.

**Other Old Business:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Weed Management Plans:**

- Mark moved to approve the WMP from Ruth Masshardt as submitted, Kent seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.
- Rich moved to approve the Subdivision WMP as submitted for the North 40, Phase 6. Todd seconded. All voted aye and motion carried.

- Rick moved to approve two open cut permits from 3 Rivers Communications as submitted, one for the Ennis Exchange and the other for the Melrose Exchange, Kent seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

**DOT Sub-contract Work:**

- Dale discussed having to contract out the Montana DOT Highways within Madison County again this year due to lack of crews. Highways will be divided into three sections resulting in three contracts being awarded. A letter with specifications will be sent to contractors requesting quotes. The quotes are due in the office by May 19, at 2:00 p.m.

**Grants:**

- Three grants were submitted for the 2021 season, only two were funded. He reported that the Upper Ruby was cut this year. Requested was, \$40,941 it only received \$35,000. The Madison Valley Bio-control program received full funding for \$10,500. North/South Meadow Cr. grant did not receive any funding this go around. There is still \$6,045.16 left to be expended on the Jack Cr. Project.
- The Weed Board also received \$7,500 for the Special County/Reservations grant. That money will be used for purchasing Buddy reals for a side x side.

**Budget:**

- The Board reviewed and discussed the regular budget.
- Cash on hand for the **2140** - \$82,531.51 and in the **2840** \$ 3,541.24.

**Other New Business:**

**Public Comment items not on Agenda:** None

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Next meeting May 20, 2021

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt