

# **Madison County Weed Board**

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The regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was brought to order July 9, 2020, at 2:20 by Board Chair, John Armstrong. Present were Coordinator, Margie Edsall, Board members, Todd Durham, Mark Boyd, Commissioner, Dan Allhands, Jen Mueller, Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance, on the phone was Mike Jones, Gallatin County Assistant Weed Coordinator and Office Assistant, Janie Alt. Absent was Rick Sandru & Kent Tilstra.

## **Weed Coordinator Interviews:**

- Weed Board Chair, John Armstrong, Commissioner, Dan Allhands, and Office Manager, Janie Alt, made up the Interview Committee. They interviewed 2 candidates for the position as the Madison County Weed Coordinator. After interviews, the Board strongly recommended to hire Assistant Coordinator, Dale Grose as the new Madison County Weed Coordinator. Margie will make the recommendation to the Commissioners at the next Commissioner meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

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

## **Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance:**

Jen Mueller, with the Gallatin Invasive Species Alliance stopped in and Mike Jones, Gallatin County Assistant Coordinator joined in on the phone to discuss the scope GISA. The Alliance works to address and mitigate the impacts of human activity upon natural resources to ensure that what we love so much about this place is not destroyed by our pursuit to experience it.

## **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- After review Todd moved to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes as submitted. Mark seconded. All voted aye and motion was carried.

## **Old Business:**

## **Office & Program:**

- Margie updated the Board on how the office was being ran during the early stages of COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that Dale came on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March and after the 1<sup>st</sup> week he started working from home. Janie and Margie split office duty. One would work one week in office while the other would work from home and the next week they would switch. Since May 4<sup>th</sup> everyone has returned to their “normal” schedules.
- Have participated in the South Boulder & Timber Cr. co-op days. Will probably be canceling a few of the co-op days due to Covid-19.
- Contractors have expended the remaining money from fiscal 2019 on the DOT highways. They will continue with the rest after July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Been working on fishing accesses.

## **Facilities/Equipment:**

- Dale updated the Board on equipment repairs.

## **Personnel:**

- Only have 2 crews and 1 floater thus far. They started May 18<sup>th</sup> as did the Compliance Tech. Will be looking to hire at least 1 more crew personnel if not 2. The position will remain open until filled.
- Margie went over COVID guidelines with crews.
- Todd mentioned that our former Compliance Tech, Sam Korsmoe Sr. had passed. Our hearts are saddened and we send out our Condolences to Elana, Sam Jr. and the rest of the family.

**DOT Sub-contract Work:** Margie stated that the contractors have finished the work that needed done to expend the remaining funds for the 2020 fiscal year. She also reported that they will beginning working on the next phase of highways in the coming week.

**Other Old Business:**

- Todd asked if aerial work is being planned. Margie stated that they were working on contacting interested landowners.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Weed Management Plans:** Margie read notes from Compliance Tech, Herb Smith

- No WMP
- She reported that to date, 38 letters have been sent out to Madison County property owners. Herb stated that there have been 19 positive responses.
- Herb reported that there has have been several changes in landownership.

**Budget:**

- The Board reviewed and discussed the regular budget.
- Cash on hand for the **2140** - \$355,368.97 and in the **2840** - \$ 8,555.00
- Margie discussed the need to of replacing the water heater and possibly looking into getting water conditioner.

**Other New Business:** None

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

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

Next meeting TBA

Minutes respectively submitted by: Janie Alt