

Powell County Weed Board September, 17 2019 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Joe Dippold. In attendance: Joe Dippold, Mark Vetter, Sandy Graveley, Tammy Schusted, Rem Mannix, Karen Laitala, and David Wells.

Approved Agenda: Mark Vetter made a motion to approve the agenda. Sandy Graveley seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved by the board.

Approved Minutes: Tammy Schusted made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18th meeting, seconded by Mark Vetter, and approved by the board.

Visitor Recognition/Public Comment: There were no visitors and there was no public comment submitted.

Correspondence: No Correspondence.

Reports:

Administrative Report: Was presented by David Wells, updated reports had not been received from the Finance Officer. Spoke about the different accounts and how we finished off the FY year. Spoke about the 4013 Capital Property Account and will continue to follow up on this with the Treasury. Will start a running balance total on this account. MOD agreement to Beaverhead and Deer Lodge National Forest. BPA billing was finalized for this year. Have remaining funds with many of our grants and agreements for an early spring spray in 2020. Contracts are provided to each Contractor to show what they are authorized to spend for each spray. Cost sheets are provided from each contractor each year. New Grant agreement with Montana FWP – Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, match requirement of 25 percent. Reviewed Monthly claims.

Approve Bills: Motion was made by Sandy Graveley and seconded by Tammy Schusted, and approved by the board.

County Commission Report: Rem spoke about the new county budget and some of the challenges. A little bit about the demolition derby accident. Spoke some on the ambulance issues with the North end of the county.

City Weed Report: No representative at meeting.

Member Reports: Tammy Schusted remarked that the Prison has canceled their aerial spray. Sandy Graveley had asked about the river spraying. Karen explained about the river spraying and how each county has worked together this year to get each area sprayed. He also spoke about Ph balances of water when spraying. This has been an important part of training. Sandy also had questions about bird feed and a plant that had appeared at his sister's place, under the bird feeder.

Weed Coordinator's Report: Karen spoke some on the Farm to Table Education Stations that she was a part of with schools in the County. Her station was on grains and really got good feedback from the kids. Karen passed around two news paper articles that she had written, "Poisonous Plants to Avoid" and "New Invasive Grass Invades Montana". There was open discussion about Biocontrol and the different insects we have in the area.

Old Business: Tabled until next meeting: By-Laws Review.

The meeting was adjourned by Joe Dippold at 8:53 pm. and approved by the Board.

Minutes Submitted by David Wells