

# Powell County Weed Board

**November 19, 2019**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm by Jim Stone. In attendance: Jim Stone, Joe Dippold, Mark Vetter, Tammy Schusted, Rem Mannix, Karen Laitala, and David Wells.

**Approved Agenda:** Tammy Schusted made a motion to approve the agenda. Joe Dippold seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved by the board.

**Approved Minutes:** Mark Vetter made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 17th meeting, seconded by Joe Dippold, and approved by the board.

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

**Correspondence:** Received a thank you card from Scott Perkins son; who had entered a Weed Project during Fair. Karen shared information on the Feral Swine Coordination Summit she had attended on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, in Billings.

### **Reports:**

**Administrative Report:** Presented by David Wells. Updated reports had not been received from the Finance Officer. Will continue to follow up on things with the Treasury. The Weed Board has remaining funds with many of our grants and agreements for spring and fall treatment in 2020. Reviewed Monthly claims.

**Approve Bills:** Motion was made by Mark Vetter and seconded by Tammy Schusted, and approved by the board.

**County Commission Report:** REM spoke about a new county extension agent; interviews are to be starting. He spoke on the ambulance issues with the North end of the county and the Hospital. He mentioned the new City Mayor, new city taxes and some other things with the city. Commissioners met with Helena and Lolo National Forest reps. There will be a Tri-County RAC this year.

**City Weed Report:** No representative at meeting.

**Member Reports:** No member reports to share at this meeting.

**Weed Coordinator's Report:** Karen gave an update on the Ventenata sprayed in Elliston, and the utilization of available equipment this year. The Weed Board has purchased some upgrades to the tanks that we plan on having installed this winter. All equipment was winterized.

**Old Business: By-Laws Review:** A discussion was held on the make-up of the board. Five members are selected to represent different geographical areas of Powell County. Further

discussion was held on how members are selected, appointed to the board and the term of a weed board appointee. Also discussed were roles and responsibilities of board members, attending meetings, liaison to the community, support of grant applications, and other funding opportunities. We are required to post meeting agendas and should have that requirement in the By-laws. Also discussed was the need to have 3 different overlapping terms for members. This would provide no more than 2 members being renewed in any one year. David will follow up with Jody on this and ask that Sandy Graveley renewed for two years rather than three. Officer positions are voted on each year at the first meeting of the calendar year. Karen will type up the new draft By-laws for approval in a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Jim Stone at 8:49 pm. and approved by the Board.

Minutes Submitted by David Wells.