

## Powell County Weed Board January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm by Joe Dippold. In attendance: Joe Dippold, Mark Vetter, Tammy Schusted, Rem Mannix, Ben Quinones, Karen Laitala, and David Wells.

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

**Approved Minutes:** Tammy Schusted made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, this was 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:** Karen Laitala was recognized with a "Certificate of Appreciation" by the Montana Weed Control Association, for 10 years of service as a Weed Coordinator.

### Reports:

**Administrative Report:** Presented by David Wells. Adjustments had been made to the budget for FY 2019 purchases, and in the future, he will not use red in report except when indicating deficits in final totals. He provided information on work that had been done on the Weed Board Office sewage line in December. Roto Rooter was called out to scope the line and found that there was a separation in the line, just north of the road in front of the building. M&P Excavating provided the work to correct the separation and they installed a clean out inside the garden on the eastside of the building. We had yet to receive the bill from them. If this becomes a budget issue, the Commissioners will be consulted for assistance. Karen gave some information on the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant accounts and the total invoices provided. With assistance from Trust Fund grant management personnel, reimbursement percentages provided to each applicant were determined. Karen will be providing a letter of explanation to be included with each reimbursement check mailed to participants. The amounts acreage treated was also discussed.

**Approve Bills:** Motion to approve was made by Mark Vetter, seconded by Joe Dippold, and approved by the board.

**County Commission Report:** Rem reported that the newly hired Extension Agent will be starting next month. Many of the county board members have been approved by the Commissioners. Rem spoke a little about the issues with the fair dates and some controversy that had arisen.

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

**Member Reports:** Mark Vetter mentioned timber sales and logging operations happening in the county and the potential for weed distribution.

**Weed Coordinator's Report:** Karen spoke on the meetings and workshops that she has recently attended as well as projects reports to be finalized. She also mentioned future cost share

funding opportunities. She submitted a proposal for to the Trust Fund for weed treatment along the Clarkfork River that is being matched by DEQ and the weed treatments they are implementing along the river as part of the superfund clean-up. For future Trust Fund grants she plans to meet with each Vegetation Management Area to complete individual weed management plans that are now required as part of the Trust Fund grant proposals. She also mentioned upcoming events that she plans to attend.

**Old Business:** Copy of changes to By-Laws will be sent out for review.

**New Business:** Board Members election was tabled for next meeting. Member renewal letters where returned to the commissioners by Joe Dippold and Tammy Schusted. Sandy Graveley was not present to respond.

The meeting was adjourned by Joe Dippold at 6:59 pm. Motion was made by Mark Vetter, seconded by Tammy Schusted and approved by the Board.

Minutes Submitted by David Wells.