

Powell County Weed Board February 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Mark Vetter made a motion to have Sandy Graveley act as meeting chair and it was seconded by Tammy Schusted. Motion was approved by the Board. The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Sandy Graveley. In attendance: Sandy Graveley, Mark Vetter, Tammy Schusted, 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 January 21st meeting, this was seconded by Sandy Graveley, and approved by the board.

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

Correspondence: Karen Laitala informed the board of the new extension agent, Bo Walker, and shared his CV siting his education and work experience prior to being hires by MSU and the county. We received 2 phone calls, 1 email, and 1 card thanking us for the cost share provided by the NWTF grants. Two thank you cards were also received for the Weed Board's door prize contribution to the Conservation District for the Livestock Seminar and the items donated for the annual MWCA conference silent auction.

Administrative Report: David Wells reviewed the monthly budget report with board and answered questions as they arose. David was asked to look into a charge for Microsoft for \$96.00. Bills were discussed, as well as NWTF grant balances.

Approve Bills: A motion to approve was made by Mark Vetter, seconded by Tammy Schusted, and approved by the board.

County Commission Report: No representative at meeting.

City Weed Report: No representative at meeting.

Member Reports: Sandy Graveley requested the dissemination of a list of available biocontrol agents for our area. The board discussed potential venues including posting on the website and an article in the paper. Mark Vetter commented on the volume of lumber still moving out of the forest through Gold Creek area.

Weed Coordinator's Report: Karen provided a summary of the meetings and workshops that she and David had recently attended as well as ongoing grant and agreement applications and reports. Karen reported that she has been appointed to the Tri-County RAC Advisory committee. While attending the MACo winter meeting in Great Falls, Karen reported to the Transportation Committee and also to the board at this meeting that the MWCA will be seeking support for legislation to be introduced during the upcoming legislation to add an additional dollar the vehicle licensing fee to support Weed Board budgets across the state. She also reported that the Montana Department of Agriculture is developing a weed free gravel pits inspection program to be implemented statewide. She discussed upcoming events, including the Powell County Weed Board's hosting of the 2020 MWCA Western Area Professional Development Seminar in April.

Old Business: The By-Laws Revisions were discussed and the changes were deemed favorable. Final approval was tabled for next meeting due to the absence of the chair and vice-chair of the board at the meeting. Officer appointments were tabled for the same reason.

New Business: The idea of adding cheat grass to the County Noxious Weed List was tabled for future discussions and additional information.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mark Vetter, seconded by Tammy Schusted and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned by Sandy Graveley at 8:52 pm.

Minutes Submitted by David Wells.