

Powell County Weed Board July 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Jim Stone. In attendance: Jim Stone and Mark Vetter by Zoom, Tammy Schusted, Sandy Graveley, Rem Mannix, Karen Laitala, David Wells, and Joe Dippold in person at Weed Office.

Approved Agenda: Sandy Graveley 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 May meeting, this was seconded by Sandy Graveley, and approved by the board.

Old Business: Building Maintenance & Upgrades: Karen has met with one contractor, and all that have been contacted are quite busy completing current work. The board may have to wait until fall or winter for estimates.

FY2021 Budget: Rem stated that proposed budgets have been given to Ann O'Toole for processing, and she will provide us with a copy to verify once she has all of the information needed. David and Karen shared copies of receipts received from the Treasurer providing the breakout of administrative services and payout to contractors.

County Weed Management Plan: The signed plan has been submitted to the Department of Ag. and the Weed Board is now in cinque with the state's two-year cycle.

New Business: NWTF Proposals: Karen and David will be working on forms, maps, and plans from land owner participants per the Trust Fund council requirements for the grant proposal process.

Administrative Report: Presented by David Wells: 2140 sheet has been updated with funds allocated so far for FY 2021. We have not received July's monthly reports from the finance officer, and plan to provide copies to the board and report on them at the next meeting. We have received all reimbursement funds that we have invoiced.

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

County Commission Report: Rem Mannix reported that the county commissioners are still dealing with the pandemic directives provided by the Governor and city business owners disgruntled with the current restrictions. The county is losing the County Health Official in August, will be searching for a replacement.

Member Reports: Karen read an email from Ben Quinones with DEQ, stating that Full Amor sprayed the field of cheatgrass off Toy Farm Lane. They will hit it once or twice more this season, and I hope we get sufficient kill to plant desirables early fall. Full Armor also began spraying along the Clark Fork earlier this month, including the DEQ Beck Borrow. Jim asked about the gravel pits in the county and Karen will check up on them.

Weed Coordinator's Report: In addition to submitting her monthly report, Karen added that she will have an article in the next Weed Times that members get from MWCA.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Dippold, seconded by Sandy Graveley and approved by the Board. The meeting was adjourned by Jim Stone at 8:00 pm.

Minutes Submitted by David Wells