



Gallatin County Weed Board

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2022 1:15 pm

ATTENDEES:

- **Board members:** Steve Saunders, Larry Holzworth, Bernie Jones, and Noelle Orloff (by phone).
- **Others:** John Ansley (Coordinator) and Danielle Jones (Assistant Coordinator). Remotely: Mike Jones (Senior Assistant Coordinator) and Zach Brown (Commissioner).

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public were present. Jen Mohler was scheduled to attend, but could not make it.

MINUTES: Steve moved to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes as written, Larry seconded and the motion passed. Discussion about the minutes included an update on the search for a new Board Member.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Approval of Weed Board Bylaws.** At the last meeting, board members were given a copy of the revised Weed Board Bylaws and asked to review them for discussion at this meeting. Larry asked for clarification about Article 3, referring to the Board's responsibility regarding noxious weeds on federal lands. This clause is based on state statute and must be included. Danielle agreed to find the language in MCA and provide that language to the Board. No corrections were noted for the revised version of the Bylaws. Larry moved that the Bylaws be approved as written, Steve seconded the motion and all approved. As the Chairman, Bernie will sign the Bylaws; Commission approval is not necessary.
- **Approval of County Weed Management Plan.** At the last meeting, board members were given a copy of the revised Weed Management Plan and asked to review the Plan for discussion at this meeting. The changes included adding a section describing the new regulations for 'Buildings for Lease or Rent' Weed Management Plans, and minor changes to the cost share program. No corrections were noted for the revised version of the Plan. Bernie moved that the Plan be approved as written, Larry seconded the motion and all approved. Bernie will sign the Plan and then John will attend a regularly scheduled Public Meeting to get Commission approval. The Plan will then be submitted to the Department of Agriculture.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Monthly Report Q&A, Discussion Included:**
 - Subdivisions
 - Inquiry about an applicator that sprays from horseback
- **Commissioner Report:**
 - Zach gave an update on the status of the budget and subdivision development in the county.
- **Coordinators Report:**
 - **NWTF North Bridger's Grant.** Mike reported on the status of the 2022 Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant application. The grant received full funding, and will provide cost share for about \$78,000 worth of weed management work (i.e. \$39,000 in grant funds). \$47,000 will be spent on aerial work and \$31,000 on ground work. Five landowners have signed up to participate. MDA will tour the project area in June.

- **Contract Updates.** John gave an update about the county road spraying contracts with 4M Weed Control and S&H Weed Control, as well as the contract with Nutrien for herbicide purchase. The contracts have been submitted for approval.
- **Spray Equipment Updates.** All the rental sprayers have new pumps, pressure relief valves, gauges, and solenoids. All have been serviced, so just need to be dewinterized and calibrated. Spray trucks are being serviced now and will need to be dewinterized and calibrated.
- **Weed Managers Meeting.** The Weed Manager's meeting will be held on April 26th from 9:30-11:30. An agenda and reminder will be sent out next week.
- **Roundtable, Discussion Included:**
 - Garlic mustard was recently reported by Jane Mangold and Bill Curran on the Galligator Trail, at E College and Black Avenue. The infestation will be treated with glyphosate tomorrow, and Steve suggested adding Telar to the tank mix also. A weed pull will be scheduled in the future to target any remaining plants and to look for plants further along the trail.
 - Yellowflag iris was found on MSU property in the field to the west of Tech Park, south of College and north of Garfield. Plants were found growing in the creek by an Environmental Scientist doing a survey. An applicator will treat the infestation.
 - Upcoming events, including the Environmental Summit at Turner's ranch and Farm Fair.
 - Information was given to Whitney about the Recognition Award, and she will write up a press release and distribute it to media sources.
- **Proposed Agenda Items:**
 - Recognition award update

Meeting dismissed at 2:25 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: May 5, 2022, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Danielle Jones