



## Gallatin County Weed Board

### Regular Monthly Meeting

June 2, 2022 1:15 pm

#### ATTENDEES:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public were present.

**MINUTES:** Noelle moved to approve the April 2022 meeting minutes as written, Larry seconded and the motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Recognition Award.** There was a discussion about the current status of the planning and marketing of the Landowner Recognition Award. A press release will be put out on June 6 to all the media outlets in the area. Steve will be listed as the media contact. Paper forms will be printed out and distributed to various retail locations and county offices. A webpage on the Weed District website will be created with information and a link to the form. A post will also go out on the county Facebook page and there will possibly be Facebook Ads to boost the post later in June and July. There was a suggestion to send the notice to the Beef Producers, Conservation District, GVLTA and other partners to distribute. Steve offered to inquire about setting up a morning interview on KBZK. To recognize the winner, a plaque will be purchased for permanent display at the courthouse. The name of each winner will be added every year. A plaque will also be made to be presented to the winner by the Commissioners at one of the Public Meetings in September. It was suggested that an item such as a knife or multi-purpose tool could also be purchased and engraved for the winner. John, Mike, and Danielle will look into the options for the award and report back at the next board meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Monthly Report Q&A, Discussion Included:**
  - All the herbicide was purchased from Nutrien without any delays.
  - Rejuva and Plateau treatments with GISA to treat cheatgrass on the bighorn range in Big Sky.
  - Status of blueweed infestation. An inspection is scheduled for June 16 with the applicator that is working on the property.
- **Commissioner Report:**
  - Commissioner Brown was not present.
- **Coordinators Report:**
  - **Past Events.** Weed Managers Meeting, GYCC meeting, SW Area meeting, GISA board meeting, Farm Fair, SafetyFest webinars by the Dept of Industry and Labor, Environmental Summit at Ted Turner's ranch, Realtor/Developer Workshop sponsored by the Conservation District.
  - **Noxious Weed Awareness Week.** A newspaper ad will run in the Belgrade News for the week. There will be daily weed-of-the-day posts on the county Facebook page and the Gallatin Weed Pull with GISA.

- **Upcoming Events.** The Bridger Fire Weed Tour, sponsored by the Gallatin Watershed Council, will occur at Crosscut in July. There will be many events with GISA in June and July.
- **Roundtable, Discussion Included:**
  - Possible ideas for filling the current board vacancy.
  - Does rejuvra work on bulbous bluegrass? There was a discussion about the effectiveness of various herbicides, including Plateau and Rejuvra.
  - Steve is looking for range sites on private land to conduct research to look at the effects of Method on leafy spurge.
  - Part of Rocky Mountain Road is being paved. This will create a lot of disturbance and we should keep an eye out for weeds.
- **Proposed Agenda Items:**
  - Recognition award update and review of received nominations.

Meeting dismissed at 2:50 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: August 4, 2022, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Danielle Jones