



## Gallatin County Weed Board

### Regular Monthly Meeting

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 1:15 pm

#### ATTENDEES:

- **Board members:** Keith Mainwaring, Steve Saunders, Fred Bell, and Noelle Orloff.
- **Others:** John Ansley (Coordinator), Danielle Jones (Program Assistant).

**MINUTES:** Keith moved to accept the minutes as written, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, and all approved.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- The 2018 County Weed Management Plan was submitted to the County Attorney for suggested changes. Her revisions to the subdivision weed management plan forms will be incorporated into the plan.
- Approved changes to the County Noxious Weed List will be incorporated in the near future. The County Attorney suggested waiting for the County Weed Plan to be finished, and then combining the County Weed Plan and the County Weed List into one resolution to bring in front of commission.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Public Comment:** No members of the public were present.
- **Monthly Report Q&A, discussion included:**
  - A question about the call about what to use to control bulbous bluegrass. There have been a lot of calls about this grass. There was a discussion about the effectiveness of certain herbicides, including Esplanade, and the pros and cons.
  - A question about the call about using industrial vinegar as an herbicide. It is a topical, not systemic, herbicide so it will burn the weeds, but they usually come back, especially those with a root system.
  - A discussion about using cut stump and foliar treatments for Russian olive.
  - A question about the status of the PT Land WMP. The Plan has been approved because they have finally been working with an applicator that will spray the property soon.
- **Commissioner Report**
  - Commissioner Siefert was absent, so there was no Commissioners report.
- **Resolution to Authorize Coordinator & Assistant Coordinator to approve /sign Subdivision Weed Management Plans and MOUs**
  - The County Attorney clarified that state law says that the chairman of the Weed Board should approve and sign Subdivision Weed Management Plans and MOUs. The Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator have been approving and signing them up to this point. Consequently, the Attorney drafted a resolution that authorizes the Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator to approve and sign Plans. The resolution also validates all Plans that have been signed by them in the past. John introduced the resolution to the Board, and clarified that this resolution would just formalize the process that has already been in place for a long time. Steve made a motion to approve the resolution, Keith seconded the motion, and all approved. Fred then signed the resolution.
- **Coordinators Report**

- **FY 2019 budget.** No increase will be requested in the startup budget. Will set aside approx. \$18,000 from special county grant money to purchase another side by side with a tank for spraying. We will request to take \$3000 from capital reserves (i.e. the budget savings account) to be used to purchase a car hauler trailer for the new side by side. Budget hearings will be next week.
- **Farm Fair.** The Weed District attended on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, while MSU attended on the 9<sup>th</sup>. 1200 students attended the fair.
- **Beartrap Spray Day.** Mike and Danielle attended on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The event was sponsored by BLM.
- **Small Acreage Workshop.** Mike and John gave a talk about Weeds on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **SW Area Crew Training.** Occurred in Whitehall on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, Mike helped out.
- John summarized the upcoming events, including the Gallatin River Weed Pull, the Big Sky Weed Pull at the Community Park in Big Sky, the Realtor Training at the East Gallatin Rec Area where Mike will give a talk to realtors, and the Ventenata Tour on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Planning details for the Ventenata Tour were discussed.
- The Contractors started spraying County Roads at the end of May. John will check-in with both NPK and Dan Marx to see where they have been so far.
- **Roundtable**
  - John summarized the county properties that have recently been sprayed, as well as the areas planned to be sprayed in the near future.
  - MRL sprayed the whitetop along the interstate.
  - Steve gave an update on the Daellenbach property, which has been a complaint in the past. There is still a lot of Canada thistle, and nothing has been done this year.
  - There was a discussion about the herbicides that are effective for treating clover in turf.

Meeting dismissed at 2:10 pm

Next scheduled meeting: July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Danielle Jones, Program Assistant