



Broadwater County Noxious Weed Board

Minutes

*Todd Kitto, Chair; Gord Pearse, Weston Munns, Peter Reiss,
Nathan Kosto; Members
Jessica Bushnell, Manager; Melinda Banks, Admin. Asst.*

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2023

Time: 6:00 PM

Todd Kitto, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

All members were present, including Jessica Bushnell Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator

There was no public comment

Nathan Kosto moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting, Gord Pearse seconded and it was carried.

Jessica Bushnell stated that the state contractor for the highways was paid, and we won't submit for reimbursements until spring. The aerial applicator was also paid and will not be able to get reimbursement until it shows 'paid' on the county's statement.

There was no Commission Update

Jessica Bushnell, Noxious Weed and Mosquito Coordinator stated that the department should get extra funding specifically for the Elkhorns Mountains. She also commented that BLM still has not filled their position for our area. NRCS asked the department to write a letter of support of a new program.

There is no spray update

All equipment is winterized for the season. Jessica stated the department will need to discuss if they would like to purchase a new side-by-side next year. The big purchases for the department have been staggered and it has worked out well. Jessica also stated that before the department can send the GMC and the Polaris to auction, they both need to be appraised first. The monies made from the auction will go back into the CIP. The department will need to order new chemical next spring. Next year the department will recycle it through a program.

The board discussed ways to entice young people to apply for the seasonal positions that the county offers in the summer months. Jessica stated that she is planning on going to a couple Job Fairs in the near future in Bozeman and Helena. The board agreed that maybe early posting would be beneficial.



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The Board discussed the Cost Share application process. The board discussed changes to make the process a bit smoother and how to evaluate the reimbursement process. The application process will be presented to the Commission for approval.

The board members that terms are expiring at the end of the year submitted letters of interest to continue to another term. The vacancies need to be posted for 30 days and the board will make their recommendations at the next regular meeting.

The MWCA Annual Conference is taking registrations in Billings, Montana. Board Members are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting will be on December 19, 2023 at 6 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Banks, Admin Asst

Date

Todd Kitto, Chair

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