

Fallon County Weed Board
11-12-2018
Minutes

FALLON COUNTY COMMISSION	
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The November 2018 meeting of the Fallon County Weed Board was called to order on the night of the 12 at 7:00PM. Those members present were as follows: Bruha, Follmer, Gonsioroski, Wolenetz, and Wyrick. Board secretary Butori took minutes. Prior to the meeting the board was given time to review the minutes and budget from the last month. Seeing no additions or corrections to the minutes, they were approved as presented.

The board allowed time for public comment. Seeing none the board moved on to regular business.

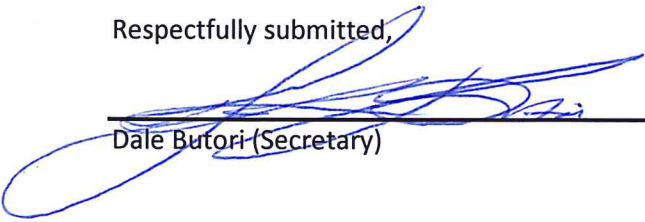
Conversation was held on two grant request that had been brought to the department over the last month. The first was from Richard Schaffer for the Timber Creek area along HWY 12. This grant would be for cost-share on both chemical and labor for the control of Canada Thistle. The second grant was brought forward by Chad Follmer for the Beaver Creek/Ollie area. This grant would also be for labor and chemical cost-share for control of Canada Thistle and Leafy Spurge. Butori explained that he had met and discussed these grants with both Chad and Richard. The Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund has a deadline of January 6th 2019 for new grants. Butori explained that it was going to be hard at this point to write one of these in that time frame, let alone both. The board agreed to move ahead with both grants. Butori will do his best to write them before the end of the year.


The board reviewed and discussed the 2018 spray season cost-shares. Butori presented the board with a report that shows the department has \$48,205.22 coming in as revenue and \$8,314.57 going out as county cost-share. Gonsioroski made a motion to approve the 2018 cost-shares. Wolenetz seconded the motion. Vote was held and the motion carried.

Conversation was held in depth about the criteria for cost-share and management plans in the future. The board was all in agreement that the department needed to strive to get landowners to provide management plans. After further discussion it was decided that starting in 2019 landowners wanting to purchase chemical or have the department spray for them, would first have to have a management plan on file with the office. The board agreed to give Butori authority to give temporary approval to plans that may be time sensitive. Butori will notify landowners throughout the winter so that the board is not overwhelmed by plans in the spring.

Seeing no other business, chairman Bruha adjourned the meeting. The next meeting of the Fallon County Weed Board will be held on the evening of December 10th at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted,


Dale Butori (Secretary)


Doug Bruha (Chairman)