



Fallon County Weed Board 2-9-2015 Minutes

The February 2015 meeting of the Fallon County Weed Board was called to order on the night of the 9th, at 7:00PM, by Vice Chairman Malcom. Those members present were as follows: Malcom, Buerkle, Gonsioroski, Wolenetz and Butori. Chairman Bruha arrived later and took over the meeting, then.

Prior to the meeting the board was given time to review the budget and the minutes from the last meeting. The budget was approved as presented the minutes were approved but not signed. Buerkle noticed that Butori had given the wrong name when referring to the Nelson subdivision. Butori will make the change and the minutes will be signed at the next meeting.

Conversation was held on five outstanding bills for spraying done in 2014. Butori reviewed each of them with the board, explaining that he was not concerned that any of the bills would not get paid. It was decided that Butori would send late notices within the week.

Butori reported on the John Deere Gator that the board had purchased. He explained that it had been delivered and was in the shop.

The board discussed Butori's idea to have a weed pull, to control Spotted Knapweed in Fallon County. Butori explained to the board that he had already received approval from the commission, and had talked to the Fallon County 4-H Council about their clubs participating as a community service project. The board agreed to allow Butori to provide gloves a T-Shirt and lunch for the kids. Butori said that his plan was to wait until mid-June so that the Knapweed is flowered and easy to be seen. Butori went on to say that if the idea catches on he would like to use the program to get ahead of the growing Houndstongue problem in the county.

Butori presented the board with the test that he had drafted for the crew qualification. He asked the board to review the test over the next month and let him know if changes needed to be made. The board had agreed to use this test in place of the Montana Applicators test when evaluating the seasonal crew. Passing this test with an 80% or better would entitle the crew member to a raise in pay.

Continuing conversation was held on the department hiring a seasonal coordinator assistant for the coming season. This individual would have to be a Montana licensed Applicator. The board agreed to \$15.00 for a starting wage. Butori explained that he would be meeting with the county's new Human Resources Department in the next week or so about this topic and hiring in general. Malcom made a motion to move forward with hiring a seasonal assistant. Gonsioroski seconded the motion. Vote was held had the motion passed.

The board discussed what to do with the older John Deere Gator. This was a continuing conversation from the previous month. Wolenetz made a motion to keep the older Gator and sell the department's two Honda ATVs at the County Surplus Auction this summer. Buerkle seconded the motion. The motion Passed.

The board had only one management plan to review this month. Malcom made a motion and Wolenetz seconded the motion to approve the Maier Subdivision, Weed Management Plan. The motion passed.

Seeing no other business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Fallon County Weed Board will be held on the night of March 9th at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Butori(Coordinator)

Doug Bruha(Chairman)