

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
BUTTE-SILVER BOW
25 WEST FRONT ST.
BUTTE, MT 59701
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WEED BOARD MEETING

April 5, 2016

Tuesday – 7:00 P.M.

Weed Office: 25 West Front Street

Members Present:

Mark Kambich, Scott Haeffner, Doug Butori and Frank Butori

Others Present:

John Moodry, Julie Montoya and Kellee Anderson-Extension Agent

M I N U T E S

1. Approval of March 1, 2016 Minutes:

Mark Kambich motioned to approve the March 1st meeting minutes, and Scott Haeffner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Public Comments (Limited to 5 Minutes) (The Board may not take action on any issue not listed on the Agenda):

None.

3. Ed Randall-Community Enrichment Director:

Ed Randall was unable to attend the meeting; John Moodry spoke on his behalf. John reported that he and Ed Randall did evaluations on all the employees with the Weed & Community Enrichment Dept. Ed Randall would like to conduct John Moodry's evaluation and would like the Chairman, Mark Kambich to participate in the evaluation. John Moodry will have Ed Randall get a hold of Mark Kambich and set up a date and time for the evaluation.

4. Herbicide Bid Openings:

John Moodry reported the Weed Department received 3 bids for herbicides, the chemical bids were opened at the meeting and the bids came in at the following amounts:

- Wilbur-Ellis : \$25,180.00
- Helena Chemical: \$25,667.00
- CPS Timberland: \$26,069.80

Scott Haeffner made a motion to accept the lowest herbicide bid from Wilbur-Ellis, and Frank Butori seconded the motion. The Wilbur-Ellis herbicide bid was unanimously approved.

5. Progress Report:

- A. John Moodry reported he tried to get Fish Wildlife & Parks to attend tonight's meeting and Chris Hagen- out of Warms Springs & Dave Green –out of Bozeman were unable to attend but are planning on attending the May meeting.
- B. John Moodry reported Hank Hockaday came back to work on Monday, April 4, 2016.

- C. John Moodry reported they are getting equipment ready to go and hopefully weather permitting they can be out spraying by the 15th of April.
- D. John Moodry reported he set up a meeting with MDOT on April 20, 2016 to set the Weed Department contract for this year. John also set up a coordinating meeting with Heliworks, they plan on being here sometime between the 15th of May and the 1st of June.
- E. John Moodry reported he's planning with John Sesso & the Big Butte Project, they are doing some transline work on the back side of Big Butte. John reported it hasn't been done since ARCO did the work 4 or 5 years ago before BSB took ownership and it needs to be hit again on the back side of the "M". They are willing to do the work through the grant.
- F. John Moodry reported on hiring summer help, they plan on hiring 2 summer workers for the Weed Department & he and Ed Randall are going to hire 6 to 8 summer workers for the Community Enrichment Department.
- G. John Moodry reported on the summer festivals for 2016. John said they have met with the Parks Dept. and they have a schedule of the events for this year and have dedicated certain hours that the department will be helping with the festivals.

6. Hourly Rate Increase:

John Moodry reported that the Weed Dept.'s current hourly rate is \$55.00 and that includes labor & equipment. The rate hasn't been increased since 2006. John reported the department is billing out around 2200 hours a year.

John reported that it was on last year's budget and again on this year's budget the Weed Dept. is now getting charged for labor at the county shop. The department is being charged \$11,000.00 a year to maintain all their equipment. John reported that \$2,500.00 is coming out the .01 account & \$8,500.00 is coming out of the .03 account to pay for the labor cost. John reported that they have never been charged for labor

in the past and now all county entities with equipment are now being charged for labor. So an increase in their hourly rate can help cover the labor cost the department is now being charged.

The board had a discussion on what the new hourly rate increase should be changed to and discussed what other counties charge and made a motion to change the new hourly rate to \$65.00.

Scott Haeffner motioned to raise the new hourly rate to \$65.00 and Frank Butori seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Next Meeting-Date:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016- 7:00pm