

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
BUTTE-SILVER BOW
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WEED BOARD MEETING

July 5, 2016

Tuesday – 7:00 P.M.

Weed Office: 25 West Front Street

Members Present:

Mark Kambich, Greg Ebner, Scott Haeffner, Frank Butori

Others Present:

John Moodry, Julie Montoya

MINUTES

1. Approval of June 7, 2016 Minutes:

Mark Kambich made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2016 meeting 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. General Business:

Festivals: John Moodry reported that the Weed Department has finished up with their mowing & work for the festivals. John reported the Community Enrichment summer kids are still helping with the festivals and will help with cleaning up afterwards.

Budget: John Moodry reported everything went through the preliminary budget process & now the budget will go through council for approval. John reported that Matt Vincent & Danette Gleason approved adding \$12,000.00 to the .04 Account to replace 2 walk behind mowers & 1 tow behind mower. John reported that once the budget is approved he will purchase the new mowers.

John Moodry reported the budget should end the year with the following carryover:

- 03. Account: \$60,000.00
- 02. Account: \$4,000.00

John reported that the .04 Account will be increased \$12,000.00 to purchase new mowers, and the .01 Account budget will remain the same with no changes.

Contracts: John Moodry report that the highway & railroad contracts have stayed the same. John reported only 2 were set up as receivables and had 2 carry over as receivables for this next year.

4. Progress Reports:

Spray Days: John Moodry reported that the Spray Days went very well with great participation. John reported that they went through quite a bit of chemical. John reported that they had good participation from land owners at High Rye & Fleecer. John reported that the Weed Department still has a few more spray days left to do in July.

Field Day: John Moodry reported he has a field day set up with Vanna Bacadori, Dave Green, and Jack Erickson on August 26, 2016. John reported he talked with Dave Green about Helicopter spraying in the High Rye on the Duhome property, Dave stated he wouldn't be able to spray until the 1st of July. John advised that he hold off spraying until September or October if he couldn't spray before July.

Highway/BLM/Forest Service Work: John Moodry reported the Weed Department will have about 2-3 weeks of highway work left & then they will move up into doing elevation work for the BLM & Forest Service.

Helicopter Spraying: John Moodry reported that he has not heard from Will Hogan since the Weed Boards last meeting. John reported he got a hold of Andy Orr out of Hamilton. John reported that Andy was busy & couldn't get here but said he is very interested in doing the work. John reported he would get Andy a sheet with names and contact information & John said he would contact land owners with Andy's information & hopefully set up something for some time in the fall.

Non-Compliance Work: John Moodry reported that Mark Wilcox has started his non-compliance work. John reported that Mark has done around 4 or 5 non-compliance work so far.

John Moodry reported the Weed Department has received several weed complaints and said Mark has been overwhelmed for the past few weeks. John reported that Travis Eskelsen & Cindy Winston with Community Enrichment Department have been doing some of the investigation work to help out.

John Moodry reported Chris Chebul & Hank Hockaday will be finishing up with some private custom spray work. John reported that it has been working out very well with having the Community Enrichment & Weed Control Departments working together.

Moose Creek Ranch: John Moodry reported he has spoken with Shawn Moreno. Shawn is trying to get a management plan written up for the entire ranch. Shawn is looking for a dollar amount he can spend on ground & Ariel work & then set up a budget.

5. Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016