

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

February 7, 2017
Tuesday – 7:00 P.M.
Weed Control Office

Members Present:

Mark Kambich, Doug Butori, Scott Haeffner, Frank Butori

Others Present:

John Moodry, Julie Montoya

MINUTES

1. Approval of December 6, 2016 Minutes:

Scott Haeffner made a motion to approve the minutes from December 6, 2016, Meeting, and Frank Butori seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. Public Comments: (Limited to 5 Minutes) (The Board may not take action on any issue no listed on the Agenda.)

None

3. General Business:

AV8 HELICOPTER – John reported that he had met with Andy Orr-AV8 Helicopter Services, Andy has guaranteed he would be available the 1st of June. John reported he will get an aerial spraying list together and provide the list to Andy to contact people for spraying. John will bring the list to the next meeting for the board to review. John reported Andy Orr's pricing last year was \$15.00 an acre + herbicide and that he didn't think the price should change.

FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS – John reported that there has been some changes with Fish Wildlife & Parks. John reported Chris Hagner in Region 2 is no longer working for FW&P. John reported Dave Green out of Region 3 has taken Kevin Huse's position. John reported he had a meeting with Vanna Boccadori and she will be attending the board meeting in April. John also reported they hired a new Wildlife Biologist for Region 2, and this person will also be attending the board meeting in April.

MONTANA WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION – John reported he attended the Montana Weed Control Association meeting in Great Falls. John reported to the board that he is back on the Board of Directors of the Weed Control Association as the Southwest Area Representative. John reported the meeting went well and it had great educational programs for revegetation, reclamation, bio control, houndstongue and dalmation toad flax.

EDUCATION PROGRAM – John reported Chris Chebul started the Education Program and has scheduled a lot of classes. John reported Mark Wilcox, Chris Chebul and Cindy Winston are attending the Commercial Application Training in Dillon on February 8, 2017.

4. **PROGRESS REPORT:**

HERBICIDE BID – John reported he will have the Herbicide bid ready for the next board meeting in March.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD – John reported the Weed Department has been having issues with Union Pacific Railroad. They still have not paid their 2015 bill in the amount of \$6,110.25. John reported he has sent out threatening emails, and letters requesting payment. John reported he finally got a hold of Mary Beth Farley with UPRR and she has agreed to pay the bill immediately. John reported he hasn't billed them for their 2016 bill, he was holding off to see if he would need to file a lien on their property for the 2015 non-payment and then he would also add the 2016 bill to the lien. John reported he will submit the 2016 bill in the amount of \$6,375.50 by next week. John reported he hasn't paid the Pintler Weed Management bill for their contracted service through the Weed Department for work done on UPRR. John said he was waiting to receive the 2015 payment from UPRR before he paid the Pintler Weed Management bill. The Board agreed & approved to pay the Pintler bill regardless of non-payment from UPRR.

LEGISLATIVE – John reported on three House Bills that look to affect Weed Control in Montana.

- **House Bill 126** – This bill would rewrite the Pesticide Application, Applicators Licenses, Dept. of Agriculture Program and increase in Applicators fees.
- **House Bill 216** – This bill is introduced through FW&P, this bill would put an access fee on fishing accesses in the State of Montana, Yearly boat fees of \$25.00 (\$10.00 of the fee would go to Weed Control within FW&P fishing access sites and \$5.00 would go towards Aquatic Invasive Species.)
- **House Bill 410** – This bill would increase vehicle license fees, the revenue would go back to the Counties and would increase County Grants, and there would be no restrictions on how to spend the grant money.

5. **MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 7:00pm