

**NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
BUTTE-SILVER BOW
155 W. GRANITE STREET – COURTHOUSE
BUTTE, MT 59701
497-6460**

WEED BOARD MEETING

January 5, 2010

Tuesday – 7:00 P.M.

Courthouse – Weed Dept.

Members Present:

Carl Johnson, Mark Kambich, Greg Ebner, Scott Haeffner and Doug Butori.

Others Present:

John Moodry, Chris Chebul and Linda Raiha.

M I N U T E S

1. Approval of December 1, 2009 Minutes:

Chairman, Mark Kambich opened the meeting and requested any corrections to the minutes from the December 1st meeting. Greg Ebner stated that he thought the Board had approved a procedure on putting someone who might be appealing a non-compliance. First it would be presented to the Board for review and then the Board would make a decision on whether or not to put the appeal on the following month's agenda. He stated this was not in the minutes in the form of a motion. Also on page seven under New Business Mark Kambich stated that it states in the minutes that he had made the statement "we need to get people who want to come to a weed meeting to protest their non-compliance actions on the agenda and give the Board an opportunity to study any materials that the Weed staff may send." Actually Scott Haeffner made that statement. The motion that should have been included is:

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Haeffner and seconded by Greg Ebner to make it the policy of the Weed Board that all non-compliance appeals will be presented to the Board by the Weed staff first and the Board will then decide if they will hear the appeal at the next month's meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

The policy requiring an appeal for a non-compliance action be submitted to the Weed Board in writing within 30 days will be strictly enforced by the Weed Board and Weed staff.

Motion: With the above two changes the motion was made by Scott Haeffner and seconded by Doug Butori to accept the December 1, 2009 minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Subdivisions:

A. Weed Management Plan – John Moodry reported that he has no subdivisions to review.

B. Bonding & Bond Releases – None.

4. Landowner Coordination:

A. State & Federal:

- **MDOT** – John stated that there is nothing new for this agency other than they are pleased with the work done this past year. We have billed them for fall work and received payment.
- **BLM** – John has talked to Lacey Decker and our budget should be the same and maybe even increased a little.
- **Fish, Wildlife & Parks** – Tom Greason has retired advised John. Not sure who will be replacing him.

- **Fred King of Fish, Wildlife & Parks** has also retired reported John. This is a big loss and he isn't sure who will replace him. But John will make sure the new person is invited to a Weed Board meeting as soon as he gets a name.
- **Forest Service** – John reported that Grant Godbolt will be retiring in February of this year. John will make sure Grant's replacement is invited to a Weed Board meeting also.

B. Private:

John reported that he had a visit from Mike Dunn, who lives in the Sheep Creek area. Mike wants to put together a grant for his area. There was a grant in that area years ago reported John. But he felt it would be good to try again. This area includes landowners such as Doug Butori, Reed Ingersol and Ed Bartoletti. John will work with Mike Dunn on this. He will also pursue the possibility of a grant in the Buxton area and Flint Creek. This would give us three grants for next year and John felt that would be all he could work on for now. John requested that if the Board thought of any other areas, please contact him. He is open to looking at grants for all areas in Butte-Silver Bow.

5. Progress Reports:

- A. Non-Compliance** – John reported that he has one non-compliance appeal he needs to present to the Board. John stated this one is somewhat complicated. He presented a review sheet to the Board. John explained it concerns a property at 521 S. Montana Street. The property owners are listed as two sisters, Grace Bridgewater and Christine Tippet. Both sisters are deceased and Bonnie Sanders from Great Falls was listed as contact on State Revenue records, so all communications should be sent to her. We did this, but when nothing was done, Mark Wilcox went in and sprayed and mowed the property and then attached to property taxes (all of the work and correspondence was done in 2008). Then on December 30, 2009, John received a phone call from Lana Mullaney advising John the property had been sold and requesting the non-compliance charges of \$381.10 be taken off

the taxes as she had never been notified of anything. Lana is the daughter of Grace Bridgewater and Bonnie Sanders is the daughter of Christine Tippet it turns out. John asked the Board if they want to put Lana on the next agenda or what they would like to do. John advised the Board to remember that nobody contacted this department within the 30 day time limit allotted for an appeal. John reported that he had talked to Lana and explained that we have to address all materials to the property owner of record and we will now send her copies, but cannot address her directly according to Ordinance 196. After a long discussion, the following motion was made:

Motion: A motion was made by Scott Haeffner and seconded by Doug Butori that the Board would deny the request by Lana Mullaney to put this non-compliance appeal on the February, 2010 agenda as the Board was not contacted in a timely manner (within the 30 day period). The motion passed unanimously.

B. General – Weed Department – John reported that Chris Chebul has started presenting his program to the schools.

- Mark Wilcox has a list of landowners who will be getting good guy letters as well as some who will be sent postcard reminders. He is now working on a list of non-compliance letters to be sent.
- John stated that it looks like we will be moving this department to the Kelly sometime in March or April. It has finally been decided that we will go wireless up there. The only problem that they think will appear is having trouble hooking up to the state system if everyone in the building is on the net at the same time. But he feels this problem can be worked around by everyone.

6. Other Business:

A. Old Business (meeting Times & Quorum) – Mark Kambich stated that he had an idea for summer meetings, which he feels are the hardest month to get to meetings, it is:

Cancel June meeting and meet on the second week of July, skip August and have the September meeting in the second week of

September instead of the first week. John suggested in the summer the Board hold all appeals until some time in September and maybe have a special meeting just for appeals. If there are a lot of appeals maybe hold two meetings. Mark felt the Board needs to keep discussing this situation at future meetings.

The next meeting will be in February 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Raiha
Secretary