

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

WEED BOARD MEETING

March 2, 2010

Tuesday – 7:00 P.M.

Courthouse – Weed Dept.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jeremy Weber, County Extension Agent, John Moodry, Mark Wilcox, Chris Chebul and Linda Raiha.

M I N U T E S

1. Approval of March 2, 2010 Minutes:

Scott Haeffner, Vice-Chairman opened the meeting by requesting any corrections to the March 2nd Minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Subdivisions:

A. Weed Management Plan – John Moodry reported that he has one subdivision that he needs to discuss with the Board.

Dynamite View Minor Subdivision plans were sent to John in 2009 and on May 20, 2009 John sent a memo to planning advising them that this subdivision will require both a weed management plan and a bond. Steve Hess approached John in February, 2010 informing him that the final plat on this subdivision was approved by the Planning Board without either the weed management plan or the bond. This was just an accidental oversight Steve reported to John. John suggested that this could be rectified by having the Ueland's submit a weed management plan for the Dynamite View Minor and he asked the Board to forgive the bond if a plan is submitted. After some discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: A motion was made by Doug Butori and seconded by Greg Ebner to forgive placing a bond for the Dynamite View Minor Subdivision, but a weed management plan must be presented to the Board and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Bonding & Bond Releases – None.

4. Landowner Coordination:

A. State & Federal:

John reported that there is not too much going on right now, all of the agencies are just starting to gear up for this spray season. John has met with BLM. John has been contacted by some people on the East Ridge and they want to work on some kind of a spray day and maybe a grant for this area also. John will set up meeting with Joselyn Dodge and Bob Miller to try to get everyone together in this area. The Board thought this would be a good idea and approved John putting all of this together.

B. Private:

- **Continental Public Land Trust** – John reported that he had met with a group of people from offices in the Courthouse as well as Continental Public Land Trust employees. Continental will be transferring 18 acres over to Butte-Silver Bow

ownership. There will be a weed management plan in the buy/sell transfer agreement. John stated that he had emphasized to everyone that the Weed Board as well as he feels that Continental should be responsible for any charges in spraying and mowing of the 18 acres for the first year as these are their properties which have not been maintained by them for some time. John was advised by the Planning Department and Public Works that Continental does not have the money to do that, but they will be responsible for paying for those charges. John asked the Board what their feelings are in regard to the 18 acres. The Board urged John to make sure there is something in writing in the buy/sell agreement to assure that funds for maintenance of these 18 acres is available to the Weed Department as the Weed budget simply cannot take on more maintenance duties.

Motion: A motion was made by Doug Butori and seconded by Greg Ebner to make sure Continental Public Land Trust, John Moodry, Jon Sesso and Dan Dennehy all sign off on the Weed Management as part of the buy/sell agreement. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Progress Reports:

- A. Non-Compliance** – Mark Wilcox gave the Board copies of a report he put together (attached) on accomplishments of Ordinance No. 196 since he started. Mark reported that he and Gary Corbin from the Health Department had ridden around the city one afternoon in an effort to coordinate both of their efforts. The first week Mr. Corbin towed away 30 abandoned vehicles. Mark stated what they are finding out is that it seems to be a majority of the same landowners who give both departments problems. They are going to set up a computer program for Gary Corbin and Mark to access so they can stay in touch with each other. Mark will make public announcements sometime around April and John will make a presentation to the Council of Commissioners.

- B. General – Weed Department** – John reported that in conjunction with this, the truck that was wrecked last fall is being fixed finally, but the insurance has a \$5,000 deductible, and it will have to come out of our 03 funds.

Also, John reported that we will need to purchase two new mowers. Mark stated that the old mowers have 21 welds and are literally falling apart. John advised the Board that the new mowers will have to be purchased in the new fiscal year.

Russian Olive – John stated that the Council of Commissioners had received a letter requesting public comment on the Russian Olive situation. He wanted to know what the Board’s opinion was on the elimination of Russian Olive. It was decided that the Board would discuss this more at the next meeting.

Sheep Gulch Grant – John reported that this grant is going forward and will include Big Easy, Doug Butori, Dunn, and Ed Bartoletti. It is a big area he advised the Board.

6. Other Business:

- A. Other Business (Meeting Times & Quorum)** – This will be held over until all members of the Board are present.
- B. New Business**
 - 1. Review Herbicide Bid Packet** – John gave the Board a copy of the herbicide bid which will be advertised for three weeks in the newspaper and also sent to chemical dealers. Bids will be opened at the April, 2010 meeting he reported.

The next meeting will be in April 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Raiha
Secretary