

Ravalli County Weed District **Approved 10/9/12**

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WEED BOARD MEETING ON 8/14/2012

Members present: Randy Maxwell, Diane Bessler Hackett, Tim Tackes, and Kellieann Morris.

Others present: Ralph Johnson

Approval of 6/12/12 Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the 6/12/12 meeting were emailed to all board members. The spelling of Lance's name was requested to be corrected...Diane motioned to approve and Tim seconded the motion, none opposed. Minutes approved.

Board Reports: No Special board reports, but Kellie informed the board that roadside spraying is on hold for a little while, while we still have a lack of moisture. We will get better results once we get some rain and then the roadside spraying will continue full force. Kellie also informed the board of yellow flag iris treatments on the Lee Metcalf refuge. Hoary Alyssum is the new concern in our county, an article was written by a private person and it has generated lots of concern from landowners. Kellie stated this weed will be very difficult to control. Education is most important for this weed.

Forest Service Report: Kellieann is working with Gil to develop a RAC grant for \$35,000.00. This grant will be for back county treatments, common bugloss and orange hawkweed mapping, monitoring, and treatments as well as some education efforts. The presentation will be soon to come and Kellie and Gil will keep the board updated as to funding.

Education Report: Kellieann read aloud the education report requested from Melissa.

Coordinator's Report: Kellie emailed out her report to the board members prior to the meeting. There were no follow-up questions.

Old Business:

- **Poker Joe:** Kellieann updated the board on the Poker Joe work day. She informed the board that several agency folks attended. The work completed was spraying of herbicide, hand-pulling, and temporary fence building. Goats were moved in at a later date and monitoring of their process will continue to take place until winter.
- **Fish Hatchery and other complaints:** Kellie updated the board on the fish hatchery complaint, the property has been sprayed and a bill is being developed and will be sent out as soon as all of the costs are generated. Kellie brought to the boards attention about a landowner in the Grantsdale area that has common bugloss, this landowner has had free treatment under grant funds for the last several years. This landowner no longer wishes to control this weed and all of the bugloss on her property has gone to seed. Kellie asked if she could file a complaint as the weed district. The board still had reservations about the weed district being the "weed police" and advised Kellie to write her a letter and hope for some cooperation. The neighboring landowners may file a complaint.
- **Budget:** Kellie stated that all the budget presentations have been completed and we should soon have a final approved budget. Kellie will keep the board informed as soon as the information becomes available.
- **Darby gravel pit:** Shane has continued the monitoring of the Darby gravel pit. Unfortunately lots of blueweed has been found since the disturbance took place. Kellie informed Eric Anderson road department supervisor of the findings and Shane and the weed district will continue our diligent treatments on that ground.

New Business:

- **Security/ vandalism issues:** Kellieann told the board the weed district trailer had been vandalized. All of the copper and cord was cut off and stolen. The road department was also vandalized as well and Glenda is helping with all of the insurance procedures and Shane scheduled the repair.
- **Subdivisions:** No subdivisions for review.

Meeting adjourned. No meeting in September unless needed, the next meeting will be October 9, 2012 at 7:30 pm in the extension meeting room.

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Submitted with integrity,
Kellieann Morris