

# Ravalli County Weed District

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## **WEED BOARD MEETING ON 6/9/15**

**Approved 9/8/15**

*Members present:* Julie Schram, Stacy Pease, Tim Tackes, Paul Moore, and Katrina Mendrey.

*Others present:* Kellieann Morris, Doug Schallenberger, Michele Buker, Shane Arnott

*Members absent:* Lance Brown

**Stacy Pease lead the meeting**

### **Introductions.**

**Approval of 3/10/15 minutes:** Approved as is.

**Board Reports:** None

**Forest Service Report:** Kellie said the Gil applied for a RAC grant for working on Rush Skeketonweed. An update was given about the Rush in the Stevensville subdivision. Rush has spread in the subdivision but obtaining permission to spray has been a problem

**Coordinators Report:** Kellie emailed out her report to all the board members. Kellie said MDT gave us another \$27000 to work on State highways.

### **Old Business:**

- **Darby County Gravel Pit:** Kellie Said we were to come with what it is costing us to monitor and control blueweed in the pit. The road Dept. sent Kellie an email stating the value of the pit material is \$ 42-49 thousand in 7000 cubic yards. The weed districts cost in labor each season is 440 to 520 dollars each season. Katrina commented that the road dept. was concerned about their costs in disturbing it and they did not address that issue. She would be interested in seeing a more itemized list from them. Kellie is going to write up a plan for options on the pits eventual use and send it to the board to review.
- **Spring Work:** Kellie said MDT roads are getting done. County roads are second right now and we are tracking the complaints. The circle in Florence has had a lot of complaints.

**Other Old Business:** None

### **New Business:**

- **Education Position:** Kellie said we received 5 applicants, interviewed 3, narrowed to 2, and are evaluating a scoring system to use to help us evaluate.
- **County Cost Share Program:** Kellie said we opened up the leafy spurge money all landowners to new invaders cost share work. We have spent 10 of 15,000 at this point. Much of the work has been on leafy spurge anyways. Kellie said the she will have a person working on all the leafy spurge in the Elk Park property soon and the Sula State forest area for houndstounge.
- **New Subdivisions / Gravel Pit Reviews:** None.
- **Roadside Agreements:** Kellie has 1 application for a roadside agreement. Kellie is going out to this site and take a look at this agreement because of its proximity to the river and the weeds present.
- **Other new business:** Katrina updated the board on the “noxious weed seed free” forage program and a contract problem with the current inspector. It is up to Kellie at this point.

- **Next meeting 8/11/15 7:30 PM**

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- **Respectively submitted,**  
Shane Arnott

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