

**PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD**  
**Pennington County Weed & Pest Office**  
**3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD**  
**Wednesday, October 24, 2018 12:30 pm Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Bert Jocks  
Dennie Mann, Chairman  
Dell Petersen  
George Ferebee, County Commissioner

**Members Absent:**

Paul Paulsen

**Others Present:**

Scott Guffey, Director

Chairman Mann called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Additional Items / Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Jocks to approve the agenda with an additional item of city of Rapid City meeting, seconded by Petersen, motion carried.  
Motion made by Petersen to approve minutes for the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Jocks motion carried.

**Budget Report**

Guffey presented Budget Report for Weed & Pest (615) and Natural Resources (616) budgets. 27% of the Weed & Pest (615) Budget is remaining for the year, three FTE's salaries will now be coming out of 616. Revenue shortfall in 615 estimated to be around 12-15k, so will need to have that savings in the 615 budget. 34% of the Natural Resources Management (616) remains for the rest of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SD Weed Commission District 4 Representative Letter of Recommendation**

Guffey read the letter by Bailey Carlsen from the governor's office, stating they have received the letter of support for Clint Pitts as the district 4 representative.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SD Weed & Pest Commission Grant Application**

Guffey stated that the SD Weed & Pest Commission Grants are due November 16<sup>th</sup>, there is \$330k to be divided amongst the counties and \$320k available for competitive grants. The grant funds divided among the counties usually amounts to 5-6k depending on the number of counties that meet all the criteria. Guffey suggested in applying for a competitive grant for common tansy again. This would continue our work on the Rapid Creek drainage. Motion by Jocks to apply for a competitive grant in amount of \$3-10k for common tansy control in the Rapid Creek drainage. Seconded by Petersen motion carried. District 4 meeting will be held October 31 at the SDGF&P Outdoor Campus, Guffey, Jocks and Mann will be attending.

**Enforcement Update**

No prairie dog complaints have been filed so far, Guffey does not anticipate many due to wet year and adequate forage and hay – enough to go around for everybody including the prairie dogs.

**Crew Update**

The remaining seasonal staff was done the third week in September. The FTE crew finished up spraying in various areas, including the salt cedar in the Creston Quarry. Winterized the spray equipment in early October this year, due to the cold temperatures. Now are working on hazard trees along ROWs. Guffey email the Mystice district ranger about getting additional SPAs in place under the Stewardship Agreement. Will be meeting with her and county commission chairman at the first forest service and county meeting that are now scheduled to be quarterly update meetings between the two agencies.

**Weed & Pest Supervisor Evaluation**

The board reviewed Guffey's self-evaluation form, only correction was a spelling error. Motion by Jocks to give Guffey a merit raise in addition to the step and time of service increases as approved by the county commissioner's in their 2019 budget, seconded by Petersen – motion carried.

**Additional Item**

Guffey met with the city of Rapid City to discuss their weed spraying agreement. The city now has a weed sprayer and is doing some noxious weed spraying; both entities will better communicate where they are spraying what needs to be done by the county. Also talked about putting up (5) boot brush stations on trailheads on the skyline drive and M hill trails. BHRC&D received a grant to build the signs, Meade County will be building them this winter.

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m., seconded by Jocks, motion carried.

Next meeting will be December 12, 2018.

Submitted by Scott Guffey