

PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD
Pennington County Weed & Pest Office
3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD
Wednesday, August 14, 2019 12:30 pm Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Dennie Mann
Dell Petersen, Vice Chairman
Paul Paulsen, Chairman
Mark DiSanto, County Commissioner
Bert Jocks

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Scott Guffey, Director

Chairman Paulson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Additional Items / Approve Agenda

Motion made by Petersen to approve the agenda, seconded by Mann, motion carried. Motion made by Jocks to approve meeting minutes for the July 10, 2019 meeting, seconded by Mann, motion carried.

Budget Report

Scott Guffey presented Budget Report for Weed & Pest (615) and Natural Resources (616) budgets. Weed & Pest (615) has 27% left for the remainder of the year, estimated that payroll alone will put that budget over \$10,000 by the end of the year. However there will be an estimated \$35,000 in over-collected revenue to cover the budget shortfall. Guffey will have to ask the board of county commissioners for a supplement to use the over-collected revenue. Natural Resource budget (616) is at 57%.

OLD BUSINESS

Shaded Fuel Break Update

All commercial products have been hauled of the Edelweiss Mt Road project area and the timber sale has been closed. County crew will finish of the fuels work this fall/winter. Crews will mark the commercial timber in the next couple weeks on the Norris Peak Rd project.

NEW BUSINESS

Enforcements

Bridgett Muller emailed this morning and said her uncle would be in the area this week and would take care of the Leafy Spurge problem on her property. Guffey said she lives in Switzerland and has received volunteer control request letters the past several years and has never attempted control. Guffey responded to her email and said he would recommend the board to not place her property under enforcement at this time, but warned her it will probably take several years to get the Leafy Spurge under control. At least now we have an email to help correspond with the landowner.

Barbara Fitzgerald has also received several volunteer letters to take care of the Leafy Spurge and Canada Thistle problem on her property, to date she has never attempted control. Guffey notified her of the board meeting and the possibility that her property could be placed under enforcement, same as he did with Muller. Guffey has not heard anything back from Fitzgerald and recommend the board to place her property under enforcement.

A total of 208 (135 Canada Thistle / 73 Leafy Spurge) volunteer compliance letters have been sent out thus far. This is up from last year's total of 183 (125 Canada Thistle / 58 Leafy Spurge) volunteer compliance letters sent out. For the most part, landowners have been good about controlling their weed problems.

SD Weed & Pest Commission Fall Meeting and Tour – September 10 & 11, Rapid City, SD

The SD Weed & Pest Commission will be holding it's annual fall meeting and tour in Rapid City on September 10 & 11. The meeting will be held at the Ramkota on the afternoon of the 10th and the field tour will be all day on the 11th. Guffey has been planning the tour with SD Dept of Ag and Meade County. Meeting and tour is open to everyone.

Crew Update

The crew has been busy weed spraying, are good shape to get everything done by fall. Seasonal employees will begin leaving next week. Down to two working ATVs, three are need of new head gaskets. Will look to get them fixed this fall, one is in bad shape and my just use it as a "parts" ATV. Two new ATVs are in the budget for next year.

Agency Report

None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Mann to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 pm, seconded by Jocks, motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 16th, 2019.

Submitted by Scott Guffey