

**PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD**  
**Pennington County Weed & Pest Office**  
**3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 2019 12:30 pm Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Dennie Mann  
Paul Paulsen, Chairman  
Mark DiSanto, County Commissioner

**Members Absent:**

Dell Petersen, Vice Chairman  
Bert Jocks

**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 DiSanto to approve the agenda, seconded by Mann, motion carried. Motion made by Mann to approve meeting minutes for the August 14, 2019 meeting, seconded by DiSanto, motion carried.

**Budget Report**

Scott Guffey presented Budget Report for Weed & Pest (615) and Natural Resources (616) budgets. Weed & Pest (615) has 2.5% left for the remainder of the year, obviously not enough to cover the rest of the year. However, there will be an estimated \$37,000 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 56%, the three Weed & Pest Tech II payroll has been switched over to 616 budget this pay period.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Shaded Fuel Break Update**

Crews are working on finishing up the fuels work on Edelweiss Mt Road, will be in there for a while. Norris Peak Road SPA was signed by Guffey on 10/7/19, has been sent to the forest supervisor for authorization and signature. The agreement calls for the creation of a 117-acre shaded fuel break along the road, 200ft on both sides of the road. Most of the area has already been logged, although there was section that was not. There is an estimated 199CCF of saw timber to be removed and can be sold by the county. Guffey said they will plan on cutting and decking the logs themselves and selling the decks to the highest bidder. Originally it was discussed to have our crew do the tree removal on the Sheridan Lake Road realignment project, but after going through over 100 private property agreements and looking the powerline, fences, structures, and closeness to Sheridan Lake Road – Guffey told the County Highway Dept that it was beyond our capability and suggested they contract it out. Will still to look to do a shaded fuel break on the forest service along Sheridan Lake Rd.

**Enforcements**

Barbara Fitzgerald enforcement spraying was done by the county on 9/5/19, a total of 1 acre of Canada Thistle and Leafy Spurge was sprayed. Guffey took an invoice totaling \$186 to the auditor to have them send the invoice as per state statute. Guffey said state statute says you can add 10% or \$50 for county administration fee, he thinks that is too low and should be increased by the legislature.

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

The SD Weed & Pest Commission held its annual fall meeting and tour in Rapid City on September 10 & 11. The business meeting will be held at the Ramkota on the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup>, item of note that came out of the meeting was that the commission will to hold a rules hearing meeting in the spring of 2020 to replace Russian Knapweed with Absinthe Wormwood on the state weed & pest list. This will free up a spot the Pennington County local declared list, which is maxed out at 8. The field tour on the 11<sup>th</sup>, went well despite being a drizzle cloudy day. Guffey said there was around 25 people on the tour, including two county commissioners, Disanto and Roskenect.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 2019 Weed Spraying Report

Guffey went over where the spraying took place this season

Agency / Grant	Revenue Amount	Acres
SD Weed & Pest Grant	\$6,200.00	
SD Mosquito Grant	\$11,000.00	
BHNF Canyon Hills	\$15,150.00	116.00
BHNF Mystic	\$68,120.00	544.00
BHNF Hell Canyon	\$9,880.00	76.00
SD DOT	\$25,554.25	182.00
SD DOT RR	\$4,972.84	40.00
RMEF Grant	\$4,000.00	66.50
NWTF Grant	\$1,000.00	6.50
State & Privat Forestry Grant	\$5,000.00	92.00
BGNG Spraying	\$3,000.00	30.00
City of Rapid City	\$4,000.00	34.00
BLM	\$10,000.00	5.00
SD Weed & Pest Tansy Grant	\$9,675.00	16.50
SD Federal Properties	\$367.32	
County ROW		132.00
County Hwy		104.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$177,919.41</b>	<b>1445.00</b>

### SD Weed & Pest Commission Grant Application

The SD Weed & Pest Commission grants are due Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Guffey said there will be a county grants available to every county that meets the criteria for around \$5,500, there also will be a competitive grant available as well. Guffey said he has a couple of possible project ideas for that grant.

### District 4 Weed & Pest Meeting

The district 4 weed & pest meeting is scheduled for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Outdoor Campus, Guffey and Mann will plan on attending.

### BHIPP and Conservation Leaders Meeting

The Black Hills Invasive Plant Partnership meeting is scheduled for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the Outdoor Campus and the Conservation Leaders Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at the USFS Office in Custer.

### Crew Update

Finished up spraying at the end of September, have been working on fuels reduction work since. Will be down one crew member for a couple of months due to back injury.

### Agency Report

None

## ADJOURN

Motion made by DiSanto to adjourn the meeting at 1:10pm, seconded by Mann, motion carried.

Next meeting will be December 11th, 2019.

Submitted by Scott Guffey