

June 3, 2020 Lewis & Clark County Weed District Minutes
1:00 PM Weed Conference Room – 3402 Cooney Dr. Helena, MT 59602

Present

Rob McDonough – Chairman
Dave Lewis – Vice Chairman
Joe Redding - Member
Judith Anne Vincent - Member

Jim McCormick - BoCC
Eric Griffin – Public Works
Christian Lehnert – Weed Coordinator

Call to Order: - Rob McDonough called the meeting to order.

Introductions: -

Agenda: Dave Lewis motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Joe Redding and approved.

Minutes: Joe Redding motioned to approve the April minutes as sent. Seconded by Dave Lewis and approved.

Public Comment: None

Action Items:

REPORTS:

Coordinator Report: Christian Lehnert –

- Christian presented the current budget balance. Dave Lewis motioned to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Joe Redding and approved.
- Have hired a full seasonal spray crew. They are busy spraying and making good progress.
- BLM- Agreement to spray North Hills fire area was submitted and we are waiting to hear back on approval.
- MDT contracts are approved for 2020. We will be spraying 434 and 279 for the Great Falls Division and waiting to hear back on the Butte division areas to be sprayed.
- Feds are going to pay us \$150 per acre to spray the Defense Access Roads.
- Working on a NWTF grant through the Roundtable. It will be about helping the winter range large animals.
- Working on county special projects.
- Working on an amendment to the Capital 360 Forest Service agreement in the amount \$15,000.

City of Helena – Not present.

BoCC – Jim McCormick – Not present.

Public Works – Eric Griffin – Received a nice e-mail about the weed crew. Our budgets went through, for the time being we took out the 2.2 % increase.

We have a lot of projects going on; Collins, Snowdrift and Ferry. We will be paving on Eames Lane. Hopefully will be able to do spring time maintenance and have avoided the flooding this year. Starting about the middle of July we will start all our asphalt projects and after that will follow up with our chip seal projects. The law enforcement center is coming along nicely, completion about the middle of September.

Board Reports:

Augusta Area: Mike Cobb – Not present.

Canyon Creek Area: Steve Johns - Not present.

Central Valley Area: Joel Redding – There is Houndstongue and Whitetop on Baldy Dr. all the way to Howard.

East Area: Dave Lewis – Road project is moving along. Subdivision is on final approval in the area. We will have the needed amount signatures on the legalized marijuana.

Helena/South Area: Orville Johnson – Not present.

Lincoln Area: Vacant – The County is doing everything we can to promote interest in the Weed Board position representing Lincoln.

West Area: Judith Anne Vincent – Present at adjournment.

Wolf Creek Area: Rob McDonough – Moving cows and fencing. Been spraying houndstongue, whitetop, some thistle and knapweed.

Announcements: **Next Board Meeting – July 1, 2020.**

Lewis and Clark Conservation District Meeting, July 9, 2020 1-8:30 AM Dearborn Community Center.

Agri Forum – TBD

Adjournment: 1:43 pm