

**PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD**

**Pennington County Weed & Pest Office**

**3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD**

**Wednesday, October 13, 12:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Jerry Hirrschoff, Vice Chairman  
Bert Jocks, Chairman  
Paul Paulsen  
Mark DiSanto

**Members Absent:**

Deb Hadcock, County Commissioner Liaison

**Others Present:**

Scott Guffey, Director

Chairman Jocks called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Additional Items / Approve Agenda**

Motion made by DiSanto to approve the agenda, seconded by Paulsen, motion carried. Motion made by Paulsen to approve meeting minutes for the August 4, 2021 meeting, seconded by Hirrschoff, motion carried.

**Budget Report**

Scott Guffey presented Budget Report for Weed & Pest (615) and Natural Resources (616) budgets. Weed & Pest (615) has 9% remaining, Natural Resource budget (616) is at 21% for the remainder of the year. The remaining salaries and utilities will over spend both budgets, which was expected. Guffey said there is enough revenue to cover a supplement in both budgets, there is some equipment needs that will have to be figured into the supplement. The supplement request is due to the Auditors office by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2022 Budget**

The county commissioners have approved the final budget for 2022, with no additional reductions to the Natural Resources budgets. Guffey will call the diesel pickup on how long it will take to get the

**Shaded Fuel Break**

The crew re-entered the S. Rochford Settlement Sale this week, the sale must be completed by the end of the year. Guffey estimates they will be done early December. Some private trees will need to be cut that are in the clear limits on the re-alignment of the road. Some slash needs to be treated along Sheridan Lake Rd sometime this winter. After the first of the year, the crew will start on the 200 acre Norris Peak stewardship sale.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2021 Weed Spraying Report**

| Area / Agency                         | Acres Treated     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| BHNF Mystic                           | 560.00            |
| BHNF Hell Canyon                      | 224.00            |
| BHNF RAC Grant                        | 300.00            |
| BLM                                   | 7.00              |
| BGNG Spraying                         | 100.00            |
| East Pennington Grazing District      | 15.00             |
| White River Grazing District          | 39.00             |
| SD DOT                                | 173.70            |
| SD DOT RR                             | 52.00             |
| City of Rapid City                    | 4.00              |
| Rapid City Airport                    | 14.00             |
| RMEF Grant Oxeye Daisy                | 40.00             |
| SD Weed & Pest Absinth Wormwood Grant | 40.00             |
| SD Weed & Pest Salt Cedar Grant       | 125.00            |
| County ROW                            | 322.96            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>2,016.66</b>   |
|                                       | <i>2020 Total</i> |
|                                       | 1737.68           |

**SD Weed & Pest Grants**

The SD Weed & Pest Grants are due November 15, Guffey suggested putting in for a spotted knapweed, absinth wormwood, and common tansy competitive grant. The SD Weed & Pest Commission also will have the county grants available to the counties that meet the criteria, they are usually around \$4k-5k. Guffey will get the grants written and submitted.

**District 4 Weed & Pest Meeting**

The SD Weed & Pest District 4 meeting is scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 4pm. At least 2 representatives from the county must attend, Guffey and Jocks (DiSanto and Hirschoff might too) plan on attending. Guffey has been the District 4 SD Association of Weed & Pest Board representative, he will be termed limited out after this year.

**2021 Weed Enforcements**

Ken Even is last two weeks of seasonal work consisted of looking for areas that were missed and now have seeded out weeds and get those areas mapped, so we know where to go next summer for compliance letters. So far there have been 25 landowners participate in the chemical cost-share program, with \$1,911 paid out in cost-share.

**Crew Update**

Guffey said that the crew finished spraying last week, winterized and took the slide in tanks out. They got the saws out and skid steer ready to go. The skid steer had some more repairs done to it, should be ready to go for forestry work.

**Agency Report**

None

**ADJOURN**

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

Next meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Submitted by Scott Guffey