

PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD

Pennington County Weed & Pest Office

3607 Cambell Street, Rapid City, SD

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 12:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Bert Jocks, Chairman

Jerry Hirrschoff, Vice Chairman

Mark DiSanto

Members Absent:

Paul Paulsen

Deb Hadcock, County Commissioner Liaison

Others Present:

Scott Guffey, Director

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

CALL TO ORDER

Additional Items / Approve Agenda

Motion made by Hirrschoff to approve the agenda, seconded by DiSanto, motion carried. Motion made by DiSanto to approve meeting minutes for the October 13, 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 7.9% remaining, Natural Resource budget (616) is at 16% for the remainder of the year. The commissioners approved a \$35k supplement to 615 and a \$20k supplement to 616 request by Guffey at their December 7th meeting. Guffey said both supplements are covered by over-collected revenue, the supplements were need to cover increased expenses as a result of the extra work and revenue.

OLD BUSINESS

Shaded Fuel Break

The crew along with Guffey are working on getting the S. Rochford sale finished up, they should be done by next week. The Sale closes December 31st and the crew has been working hard to get it completed. They worked some overtime to keep on schedule, the mild weather has help keep them on schedule. 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. Guffey said there is interest on the log decks, he will put it out for bid. Commissioners Drews & Rossknecht and Guffey attended the Lawrence County Commission meeting Dec. 14th, they had invited the FS Supervisor Tomac to discuss cooperating agency status for the Black Hills Forest revision plan and the cut in the annual sale quantity in timber. The forest service is going to put on a webinar on the cooperating agency status, followed by a meeting with interested partners. Guffey is pushing that Pennington County gets cooperating agency status, this will allow greater input on the plan revision. The forest plan is the guiding document the forest service follows, they do re-write or re-vision about every 20 years.

SD Weed & Pest Commission Grant Applications

Guffey submitted two grants for the call for grant submissions from the SD Weed & Pest Commission. One was the county grant that every county is eligible for, in the past they have been for around \$5k – commission won't know for sure until all the funds are divided out to the counties. For the competitive grant Guffey submitted an \$6k grant to treat various weed species that have fairly low population with in Pennington County, i.e. – common tansy, spotted knapweed, absinth wormwood, hoary cress.

District 4 Weed & Pest Meeting

Had three weed board meetings show up for the district 4 meeting at the Outdoor Campus on October 26th. Jocks, Hirrschoff, DiSanto, and Guffey showed up for the meeting, Jocks went back to work – since we had plenty of representation. Guffey termed limited out as the District 4 chairman and representative on the SD Weed & Pest Association, Nathan Jagim, Meade County Weed & Pest Supervisor was elected as the new chairman.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Weed & Pest Board Meeting Schedule

Guffey presented the 2022 weed & pest board meeting schedule, similar to years past. Six scheduled meetings on Wednesday's starting at 12:30pm, with the February's meeting the Annual meeting and August's meeting the field trip to be in state statute compliance.

Crew Update

Guffey said that the crew has been working hard to finish up the S. Rochford Rd timber sale project. Only a couple of broken hydraulic lines on the skid steer has slowed them down, highway has lent a person to help some days on the project too. Should be done with S. Rochford Project in a week or two and then have some slash clean up on Sheridan Lake Rd project and they will jump into the Norris Peak timber cut. Guffey ordered the 1-ton diesel pickup from Lamb motors, it will be a 2023 Ford F-350 arriving next fall.

Agency Report

None

ADJOURN

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

Next meeting will be February 23rd, 2022.

Submitted by Scott Guffey