

**PENNINGTON COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD**

**Pennington County Weed & Pest Office**

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

**Wednesday, August 4, 2021, 12:30 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

Jerry Hirrschoff, Vice Chairman

Bert Jocks, Chairman

Paul Paulsen

**Members Absent:**

Mark DiSanto

Deb Hadcock, County Commissioner Liaison

**Others Present:**

Scott Guffey, Director

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Additional Items / Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Hirrschoff to approve the agenda, seconded by Paulsen, motion carried. Motion made by Paulsen to approve meeting minutes for the June 16, 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 39% remaining, Natural Resource budget (616) is at 35% for the remainder of the year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**2022 Budget**

The county commissioners have approved the provisional 2022 county budget, they did not include any secondary requests in the budget – including the additional \$27k Guffey had requested for a 1-ton diesel pickup. Guffey is optimistic that it will be included in the final budget approval in September.

**SD Natural Resources Professional Range Camp, Nemo, June 20 – July 1**

Guffey and Commissioner Hadcock attend the SD Natural Resources Professional Range Camp in Nemo on June 20<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. Guffey said they visited a number of areas on the BHNH near and west of Nemo, noxious weeds were a big topic of conversation. Looked at some areas in the Northern Hills and Lawrence County that were over run with invasive plants and grasses. Guffey showed one of our RMEF Grant project areas at the Mickelson Ranch along Boles Canyon Rd and how it has been improved with herbicide spraying. Majority of the attendees were new NRCS employees. Guffey suggested a shorter course for elected officials. Overall it was a good camp, both Guffey and Hadcock came away learning more about natural resources.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2021 Weed Enforcements**

Guffey said Ken Even has been doing a great job with the volunteer compliance letters. Thus far there has been a total of 157 (36 Leafy Spurge, 121 Canada Thistle) volunteer compliance letters. For the most part people are complying with the letters, Guffey has received a number of calls in regards to the letters and people taking care of their weed problems.

**Crew Update**

Guffey said that the crew has been working hard to getting areas sprayed. So far we have finished spraying the SD DOT RR, BLM, Buffalo Gap National Grasslands, Grazing Districts, Absinth Wormwood Grant, RMEF Grant. Currently working on BHNH acres and some county and SD DOT roads. Hope to be all done with BHNH acres by the end of the month and then we'll begin spraying on Salt Cedar and Phragmites on the Cheyenne River watershed. One seasonal employee was done last week and will lose another one next week to school. Guffey said they need to hire a couple more seasonal next year, if the amount agreement spraying keeps up. Some one rear ended the 2008 Ford ¾ pickup a couple of weeks ago, no one was hurt. The

bumper needs to be replaced, estimate is \$1,267. Guffey is working with the owner of the other car to get the damage fixed. Guffey discussed with the board as designating the August board meeting as field tour meeting, generally the meeting agenda is pretty light in August and would be good time conduct a tour.

**Agency Report**

None

**ADJOURN**

Motion made by Hirrschoff to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm, seconded by Paulsen, motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Submitted by Scott Guffey