



Sublette County Weed and Pest Control District

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Board of Directors

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June Board Meeting

The budget meeting began at 12:00 PM July 6th, 2023. Present were Chad Hayward, Pete Guernsey, Suzy Michnevich, Jennifer Rees, Ruth Steele, Julie Kraft, Hadley Manning, Lars Anderson, and Kellie Sellers. The board discussed some of the categories. The chemical budget was suggested to increase due to all the tree problems and the district listing the leafminer and the white pine weevil. There was talk about adding another full time position in the future once the drone program got off and running. Suzy motioned to raise the chemical budget and to add a potential full time position. Ruth seconded the motion and the motion passed. Jennifer motioned to accept the final budget as edited, Suzy seconded the motion and motion carried. The budget meeting closed at 12:29 PM.

The regular board meeting began at 12:30 PM. Present were Chad Hayward, Suzy Michnevich, Jennifer Rees, Pete Guernsey, Ruth Steele, Julie Kraft, Hadley Manning, Lars Anderson and Kellie Sellers.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Pete moved to accept the minutes as edited. Jennifer seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The treasurer's report was presented. Suzy moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Pete seconded the motion and the motion passed. The voucher book was signed at the end of the meeting.

Updates:

The survey drone arrived and Lars has been using it to monitor cheatgrass.

Field Seeker continues to be a challenge. Some of the offline maps are not loading and invoices are still being customized and fixed. We will keep in touch with Frontier and the tech support until they have updated it with a few of our requests.

The crew is down to 16. There have been some rainy days that they couldn't get out and spray. They have finished the WYDOT local contract. They will start on county roads, highways and private spraying next. All the crew passed their commercial applicator tests.

The horseback sprayer has started and is doing well.

The cheatgrass tour at Boulder Lake had 21 attendees. Several land managers from Idaho and Nevada came to learn how our collaborative task force works and see the Rejuvra treatment success.

The Gotta go'a program has begun. We have quite a few participants signed up.



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Open Issues:

The training requirements set by statute for all governing body members and those who manage special district accounts will be held at the Pinedale Library July 11th 4-8PM or Marbleton Town Hall July 12th 4-8PM.

APHIS found some grasshopper hot spots with 15 or more in a square meter so the helicopter will be here the second week in July to spray.

Hammond helicopters will spray the hemlock cost share project after they get the grasshoppers done. There are three landowners that have submitted applications for the hemlock cost-share.

New Business:

Julie talked to the board about selling Kaput rodent stations and bait. Bomgaars sells a lot of the items for mice and voles. Pete made a motion that we sell the remaining inventory and then refer the public to Bomgaars for the Rodent stations and bait. Suzy seconded the motion and motion carried.

We are finding more and more Bulbous bluegrass in the county. It is a short-lived non-native perennial grass that invades rangeland. We have been pulling and documenting bulbous for about 10 years. It has been increasing and is on public and private land. The board talked about listing it as a Sublette County Declared Noxious Weed at the next board meeting. The staff will prepare the risk assessment, plant occurrence information and other information during the hearing at the next board meeting. We will advertise the hearing in the paper and provide info on our social media page and website.

With no further business, Jennifer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:40PM. Suzy seconded the motion and motion passed. The next board meeting will be held on August 10th, 2023 at 12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Sellers

Chad Hayward, Chair

Julie Kraft, Supervisor