



Sublette County Weed and Pest Control District

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August Board Meeting

The August board meeting began at 11:58 AM on Sept 7th, 2023. Present were Chad Hayward, Jennifer Rees, Pete Guernsey, Ruth Steele, Julie Kraft, Andy Currah, Lars Anderson, Kellie Sellers and Hadley Manning.

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

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

Updates:

We have received our certificate of operation and all of our exemptions from the FAA. We are fully approved to use the Drone to spray.

Field Seeker still continues to be a challenge. We are finding some glitches in the system but are able to work around them to invoice.

The horseback sprayer has sprayed 112 acres as of today. The helicopter has completed all their cheatgrass spraying. They sprayed 3,880 acres.

The Gotta Go'a program was a success this year. We had great participation, there were 9,798.10 lbs collected this season.

Open Issues:

The new auditors came August 11 to go over the books. Everything went well and they will be in touch once we are able to pull all the June invoices off of Fieldseeker. A copy of Quickbooks will need to be resent and then they will begin the F-32 to turn into the Department of Audit.

Next the board discussed Hadley's 3 month trial period for working 30 hours/week. Staff felt that it went well this summer. Pete made a motion that they allow Hadley to continue to work a 30/hour per week schedule. Jen seconded the motion and motion passed.

New Business:



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The crew was involved in a fender bender while spraying Hwy 191. They were picking up the weed spraying sign and hit their brakes abruptly to pull to the side of the road. They admitted that they didn't signal. The car following them rear ended them. No one was cited and it was turned over to the insurance.

NASDA will be in Cheyenne next week. We have been asked if we would like to donate to the meeting. The board decided to not contribute because the WWPC has already made a sizable contribution.

NAISMA is October 16-20 in Lincoln Nebraska. Julie will be attending. Also that week Hadley will be doing a weed talk at the PAC for the Parks and Rec Association.

WWPC Fall Conference will be on November 7-9 in Gillette this year.

This year we have had a few of the ranches reach their chemical cost share of 3,000. The board discussed increasing it since some of those ranchers have more noxious weeds to spray but probably wouldn't spray since they have to pay full price for the herbicide. There was talk of showing a benefit to the increased cost share or having a way to evaluate the progress and justify the increase. Pete made a motion to increase the chemical cost share from \$3,000 to \$5,000. Ruth seconded the motion and motion passed.

Andy presented a cost share application from Mike Hughes. The amount SCWP would contribute to the treatment would be approximately \$3100.00. In the past we have cost shared on the chemical and labor for the Hughes pivot. Pete made a motion to accept the cost share application for Mike Hughes. Ruth seconded the motion and motion passed.

The education topic for the month was showing the Board how the Field seeker program works. Next Lars took the board outside to fly the survey drone and to show them a video that he recorded of monitoring cheatgrass this year.

With no further business, Pete made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM. Ruth seconded the motion and motion passed. The next board meeting will be held on October 5th, 2023 at 12PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Sellers



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