



Cascade County Weed Advisory Board

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Monday February 22, 2016
10:00am

Cascade County Public Works Department
Conference Room
279 Vaughn S. Frontage Rd
Great Falls, MT 59404

Board Members: Bruce Forde, Tim Wylder, Bruce Keaster, Robert (Bob) Rumney & Gene Hughes

NOTICE: These minutes are paraphrased to reflect the proceedings of the Cascade County Weed Advisory Board.

Attendees: Joshua Blystone, Maury Stewart

Board Members Present: T. Wylder, R. Rumney

Board Members Absent: G. Hughes, B. Keaster, B. Forde

- A. Meeting was called to order by Joshua Blystone at 10:05am
- B. Old Business
 - I. No old business to discuss
- C. New Business
 - I. 2015 year end report
 - a. Report distributed and content explained
 - II. 2015 Biocontrol report circulated
 - a. Biocontrol report was explained and discussed what insects are currently being collected and distributed for noxious weed control. Effectiveness of biocontrol agents discussed.
 - III. Weed Management Plan
 - a. A quorum of board members was not present to sign the updated weed management plan; another meeting will have to be held with the appropriate number of members present
 - IV. 2016 Season Overview



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- a. Budget for 2016 was distributed and briefly discussed non-tax revenue sources
- b. New and continuing Noxious Weed Trust Fund Grants through the MT Department of Agriculture are being applied for again in 2016. There will now be 4 cooperative grant weed management areas if all receive funding
- c. The Weed District will continue to operate in the same manner as last year: Focus on county right of way, contract with MT Department of Transportation for state highway spraying, some private landowner spraying, continue biocontrol collection and distribution.

D. Open Floor

I. Compliance

- a. Current compliance enforcement is on a complaint driven basis. Discussed difficulties of enforcement.

II. Rental sprayers

- b. Rental sprayer rates are \$20 a day. Small amounts of non-restricted use herbicides will now be available for sale to people who are renting the spray units.

F. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am