

Tri County Noxious Weed Advisory Board

Minutes

2023-01-19

Members Present: Jason Parker – Superintendent, Mike Sabala, Joann Rutler – LC BOCC, Ron Buhler – GC BOCC, John Crozier – JC BOCC.

Meeting called to order at Lincoln County Community Center at 3 p.m.

Jason asked to get the job posting approval added to the agenda. Joann made a motion to add the job posting, John seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes were discussed from the previous meeting. John made a motion to accept the minutes with spelling corrections. Mike seconded.

Board discussed the funds remaining in the RC&D funds, including the RC & D report. Discussion was had on discernment of funds in the RC&D back to the counties. Continue discussion at the next meeting.

Joint powers agreement was discussed, including joint powers agreement, no changes needing to be made at this time. Mike made a motion to discuss the joint powers agreement further at the next meeting, Ron seconded. Discussion on the possibility of moving the weed office to a new shop in any of the other counties. ITD shop in Jerome, Jerome Highway district, National Guard building in Jerome and Gooding, and the Jerome County Search and Rescues building were mentioned. Pros and cons were discussed on the potential of moving the office. John is going to check on the status of the buildings in Jerome.

Updates on equipment and status were discussed. New equipment is still in progress. Using Karl from Gooding to do vehicle maintenance, oil changes, was discussed. Verify with Karl if he can do the maintenance. Possible new truck, to be discussed further at next meeting. The possibility of expanding what the weed program does by adding seeding and drone operations was discussed. Further discussion at the next meeting.

ISDA cost share grant was discussed, grant has been submitted. County level cost share was discussed to offer more help with weeds to residents, see attached proposal. Jason is to talk with prosecuting attorneys in the counties to come up with a more final draft to bring to the next meeting.

Share the report of the SIBC from FY 2022.

Meeting with BLM Jan 30 for FY 2023 funding. Will report updates at the next meeting.

Updates from the Noxious Weed Control Superintendents, changes to weed law attached.

Updates from the Noxious Weed Conference.

Discussion on posting the job opening for the 3rd position. Job will be posted on all 3 county websites.

Discussion on making a facebook page for the Weed Department. Joann made a motion to create a facebook page for online presence. Mike seconded.

Joann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m., Ron seconded.

Next meeting in Jerome at the Courthouse, 2nd floor Jack Nelsen meeting room, April 13, 2023.