

**Anaconda-Deer Lodge County
Noxious Weed Advisory Board Minutes
February 22, 2019**

Present: Mike Marker, Noxious Weed Coordinator; Chad Lanes

Call to Order: Chad Lanes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: None to approve.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Conveyed Property- Mike stated that for the past two years that they have been doing weed control on the conveyed properties. This contract is for approximately 20K a year.

Old Works Golf Course- Mike said for the past two years the weed crew has been treating the noxious weeds at the Old Works golf course. The Golf Course Superintendent told Mike that he appreciated their hard work and that it has made a big difference in the number of weeds in the native areas of the golf course. This contract is for approximately 3K a year.

Utility Vehicle- In fall of 2017 the Weed Department purchased a JD XUV825i utility vehicle from RDO Equipment for \$13,251. Mike said that it has been a good purchase and it has helped to reduce down-time and increase efficiency. He also said that the operators and mechanics have been taking good care of it and have maintained it like new.

Clark Fork River Perennial Pepper Weed- Mike said that the Weed Department has been working with the Clark Fork River Watershed

group to reduce the amount of perennial pepper weed along the Clark Fork River. The weed crew walked the Clark Fork River twice last summer, where it goes through the Lampert Ranch. They treated the perennial pepper weed along the river bank to try to keep it from making its way downstream. This is the only section of the river that is open, the rest being closed off and treated by Atlantic Richfield.

Weed Board Vacancy- Mike informed the board that there is currently one vacancy on the board. He asked the board to let people know that may be interested.

Miscellaneous/Announcements:

Weed Crew- Mike briefed the board on what a good crew he had the previous summer. They were hard working, and safety oriented. He was very happy how the summer went.

Budget- Mike informed the board that the current weed budget is \$170,000.

Next Meeting- Mike stated that he is hoping to start having board meetings every 3 months, so the next one should be towards the end of May.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 10:20 a.m.