

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RODENT DISTRICT BOARD**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

**Those attending:**

Bob Shirts  
Troy Mock

Bonnie Davis-Wash. Co. Weed & Rodent

*Motion by Troy Mock that in the absence of the chair, Curtis Hickey that Bob Shirts serve as chair for the January meeting. Second by Bob Shirts, motion carries.*

*Interim Chairman Shirts called the meeting to order at 4:27 pm. immediately after the annual meeting adjourned.*

*In the Matter of the Minutes:* Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019, meeting as written. Second by Bob Shirts motion carries unanimous.

**General Business**

**Review of District Expenditures**-Bonnie presented an expenditure activity report dated 1/21/20. Cash balance at that time \$45,623.97; budget balance remaining = \$48,999.63.

Tail Bounty Report- October 1, 2019 to date: a total of 2,816 tails (per weed office report) have been received with \$3,520 expended on tail bounty, leaving a bounty balance of \$27,480. Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the reports as presented, second by Bob Shirts, motion carries unanimous.

**Trapping Seminar**-Discussed details of seminar scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020. Location will be held at Bob Shirts hayshed on Mann Creek Road, 9:00 (this should be at 10 a.m.) with Curtis, Calvin and Tony Hickey doing the training and Max Miller and Albert McHenry may help. The board directed Bonnie to purchase 2 dozen cinch traps for door prizes. Fliers will be mailed out, an announcement will be put in the newspaper and we will discuss last minute details at our March meeting.

**Education/Outreach**-Bonnie presented a draft of the possible insert to be mailed to landowners within the district to increase awareness of their rodent control responsibility per Idaho Statute. Bonnie explained Connie Cox, administrative assistant has pared the list down to approximately 1,280 mailers (this was done through the process of those who own numerous parcels only receive one envelope). Cost for mailing using the weed department's bulk mail permit is estimated \$384, without using this permit and regular stamp price would be \$704. Printing cost for the inserts: \$490 for 1,400 copies. We will keep the extras on hand for educational events etc. Motion by Troy Mock to go ahead with printing and mailing the inserts, second by Bob Shirts. Motion carries. It was noted we can change the featured photos next time.

**New Business**

**Upcoming CWMA Cooperator Appreciation Dinner**-Bonnie explained to the board this dinner happens every other year to show our appreciation to all the cooperators of our CWMA. 4 years ago the rodent board presented the top trapper with a check for \$50 and recognized the top 10 trappers. 2 years ago the top trapper did not do the trapping but hired the work out so they did not recognize anyone. Bonnie spoke with Curtis Hickey and he agreed with inviting the top 3 trappers to the dinner. The board needs to decide if they would like to present them with a monetary gift? The top 3-trappers for the last 2-years are: Tony Hickey, Max Miller and Curtis Hickey in that order. Motion by Bob Shirts to award \$50 to both first and second place trappers. Second by Troy Mock, motion carries. Bonnie will get this taken care of.

A short discussion was held on the subject of owl boxes and how effective they may be.

**The next Rodent District Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 to be held at 4 p.m. at the Weed Department.**

Motion was made by Troy Mock to adjourn, second by Bob Shirts. Motion carries unanimous, meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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