

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RODENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019**

Those attending:

Troy Mock
Curtis Hickey

Bonnie Davis-Wash. Co. Weed & Rodent
Kirk Chandler-Wash. Co. Commissioner
Lonnie Smith-Wash. Co. Weed

Chairman Curtis Hickey called meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2019, meeting as written. Seconded by Curtis Hickey motion carries unanimous. Bob Shirts is absent and excused.

General Business

Review of District Expenditures-Bonnie presented an expenditure activity report dated 5/13/19. Cash balance is \$33,608.29; budget balance remaining =\$22,070.53. Tail Bounty Report-October 1, 2018 to date: a total of 8,352 tails (per weed office report) have been received with \$10,440 expended on tail bounty. Leaving a bounty balance of \$21,460 (this includes the additional \$100 in the petty cash account). Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the expenditure activity report as presented, second by Curtis Hickey, motion carries unanimous.

Trapping Seminar-Discussion of the workshop-it was successful and very well attended. One idea for next year is to address wires getting tangled up while trapping. Possibly break out into stations with those attending moving from demonstration to demonstration. This may help them to see how the traps are being set and to be able to hear. Maybe have 3 stations? Evaluations were reviewed. People were very appreciative to the district board members for hosting this seminar.

New Business

2020 Rodent Budget-Bonnie presented the budget proposal for 2020 which includes adding a line item for education, increasing travel-mileage, office supplies and postage. She stated changes may be made prior to turning into the clerk. Budget requests are due to the county clerk by May 20, 2019, she will meet with the clerk prior to turning in the completed budget worksheet to see if the requests are able to be funded. She explained she will meet with the commissioners at a later date to review the budget requests. The public budget hearing will be held late in August. Motion was made by Troy Mock to accept the 2020 budget proposal as presented. Second by Curtis Hickey, motion carries.

Rodent Awareness/Landowner Responsibility-Bonnie shared an email from a concerned landowner south of Weiser on the county line. He had concerns with many of his neighbors failing to deal with their weeds and gophers. She has addressed the weed issue and spoke with him about the gopher district. After numerous conversations he stated the property owners may not even realize it's their responsibility and that gophers travel. He felt a one page reminder explaining the responsibility is that of the landowner and explain how the rodent district works may be beneficial. It would be a good idea to include a list of individuals that do trapping for hire as well. She explained to him the gopher board would have to make those decisions but that she would share his concerns with them at the May meeting. Curtis voiced concerns over absentee landowners and or landlords. Troy suggest doing mailers and putting them in the tax assessments like the weed board does. Maybe a yellow piece of paper (to get their attention) that could explain their responsibilities. Bonnie was directed to notify the concerned landowner that we are working on this and to place this matter on the July agenda.

The next Rodent District Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Weed Department.

Motion to adjourn by Troy Mock, second by Curtis Hickey. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.