

RESOLUTION NO. 3507

This resolution replaces Resolution # 1081 and Resolution # 2255

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Montana enacted Sections 7-1-201 through 7-1-203 MCA, requiring the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS to establish certain administrative boards, districts and commissions by adoption of resolutions; and

WHEREAS, The BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS has determined it is appropriate and desirable to provide the Ravalli County Weed District with clarification as to the organization, membership, terms, authority, rules and responsibilities of the Ravalli County Weed District Board, setting forth the same pursuant to 7-1-201 through 7-1-203, MCA and 7-22-2101 through 7-22-2153, MCA; and

WHEREAS, 7-22-2103, MCA authorizes the appointment of a District Weed Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Ravalli County Weed District shall encompass all land located within Ravalli County.
2. The Ravalli County Weed District Board shall consist of:
 - Five At-large Board members, each serving three (year) staggered terms with geographic diversity being sought.
 - Two ex-officio, non-voting members including the County Extension Agent and a Representative of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.
3. The terms of the Ravalli County Weed District Board members shall commence on the 1st day of January. The members shall serve staggered three (3) year terms on the board so that no more than two (2) terms expire in any given year. Pursuant to this resolution, members will be appointed for one, two, and three years of service in order to establish this staggered pattern.
4. Weed Board members shall be entitled to mileage and expenses in accordance with established Ravalli County rates for attendance at Board meetings and for conducting official Weed District business.
5. Weed board members shall be residents of Ravalli County and have demonstrated a commitment to and an intent to participate fully in weed management of the county. Members must be willing to attend meetings and other functions related to weeds and invasive plant species.
6. Members must be appointed by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The commissioners shall post prospective membership vacancies at least one month prior to filling the vacancy.
7. The BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS shall maintain a register of appointments to the Weed District Board and date of appointment.

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8. The BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS shall appoint and supervise a weed coordinator pursuant to 7-22-2103(2), MCA, and hereby assigns the responsibility for the administration of the weed district to the district weed board as provided by law and subject to this resolution. The powers of the district weed board shall include those powers and duties set forth in Section 7-22-2109, MCA. The supervisory responsibilities and powers held by the Board of County Commissioners shall include but not limited to:

- Hiring the Weed District Coordinator with consideration of the recommendations by the Weed Board.
- Approving the Final Budget of the Noxious Weed Fund, 2140
- Salary and wage adjustments of Weed District employees
- Reviewing periodic weed program reports and updates
- Final approval of all purchase of major equipment and major repairs

Employees of the weed district and the coordinator shall be subject to all county workplace regulations, rules and personnel policies whether set forth in a personnel handbook or elsewhere.

9. The County Weed District Board will provide for public comment on the Weed Management Plan.

10. The Weed District Board shall abide by the Ravalli County Personnel Policy Manual as adopted by the Ravalli County Board of Commissioners.

11. A majority of the members of the Weed District Board constitutes a quorum for the purposes of conducting business and exercising powers and responsibilities; action may be taken by a majority of members present and voting after providing for public comment.

12. The Weed District Board shall organize by electing one of its members Chair of the Board and one of its members Vice-chair.

13. The date, time, place and agenda of all regular meetings shall be provided to the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS before noon on Thursday of the week prior to said meeting for public notification.

14. The Weed District Board shall provide for the keeping of written minutes, including the final vote on all actions and the vote of each member.

15. A person may be removed from the Weed District Board for cause by having three consecutive unexcused absences from regularly scheduled meetings by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.


16. The Weed District board will maintain records pertinent to operation of the District, prepare and present an annual budget and execute any record keeping requirements specified by the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

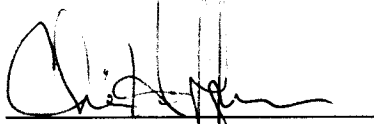
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF MAY, 2017.



Greg Chilcott, Chairman


Jeff Burrows, Member


Ray Hawk, Member


Doug Schallenberger, Member


Chris Hoffman, Member


Attest: Clerk and Recorder
