

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13

**A GRANITE COUNTY RESOLUTION
PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE
GRANITE COUNTY WEED DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD**

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 Granite County Weed District Advisory Board with clarification as to the organization, membership, terms, authority, rules and responsibilities of the Granite County Weed District Advisory Board, setting for 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 Advisory Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

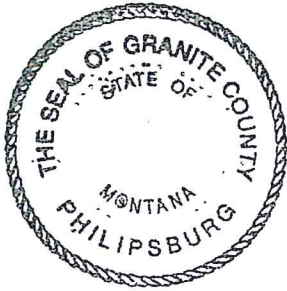
1. The Granite County Weed District shall encompass all land located with Granite County.
2. The Granite County Weed District Advisory Board shall consist of:
 - a. One agricultural or silvicultural landowner from each county commissioner district
 - b. Two persons appointed at large
 - c. Two ex-officio, non-voting members including the County Extension Agent and a representative of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service
3. The terms of the Granite County Weed District Advisory Board members shall commence on the 2nd day of October. The members shall serve staggered three (3) years terms on the board so that no more than two (2) terms expire in any given year. Pursuant to this resolution, members appointed in 2011 will be appointed for one, two, and three years of service in order to establish this staggered pattern.
4. Weed District Advisory Board Members shall be entitled to mileage and expenses in accordance with established Granite County rates for attendance at Board Meetings and for conducting official Weed District business.

5. Weed District Advisory Board Members shall be residents of Granite 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 filing the vacancy.
7. The Board of County Commissioners shall maintain a register of appointments to the Weed District Advisory Board and date of appointment.
8. The Granite County Weed District Advisory Board shall:
 - a. Make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the administration of the District's noxious weed program
 - b. Establish management criteria for noxious weeds on all land within the district.
 - c. Make all reasonable efforts to develop and implement a noxious weed program covering all land within the district owned or administered by a federal agency.
9. The Granite County Weed District Advisory Board will provide for public comment on the County Weed Management Plan.
10. The Weed District Advisory Board shall abide by the Granite County Personnel Policy Manual as adopted by the Granite County Board of Commissioners.
11. A Majority of the members of the Weed District Advisory Board constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business and exercising powers and responsibilities; action may be taken by only by a quorum.
12. The Weed District Advisory Board shall organize by electing one of its members as chair of the Board.
13. The Weed District Advisory Board shall adopt by-laws providing for the date, time and place of all regular meetings, the keeping of written minutes, including the final vote on all actions, and proper public notice of meetings, hearings, and actions as required by the Montana Open Meeting Law, Section 2-3-101 M.C.A., and Granite County Policy. The By-laws and any subsequent Amendments shall be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval. The approved By-laws and any Amendments shall be filed with the Granite County Clerk and Recorder.
14. A person may be removed from the Weed District Advisory Board by the Board of County Commissioners for cause or by having three consecutive unexcused absences from the regularly scheduled meetings.

15. The Weed District Advisory 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.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 20th day of June, 2011.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GRANITE COUNTY



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Maureen Connor, Commissioner

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