

**Grant County Weed Board Meeting**  
**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

President Eddy called meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Members Present: Eddy Ulrich, Matt Neiderman, Drew Gaugler, Dick Woodbury, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase and Merlin Leithold, weed officer. Guests tonight are John Reinhardt, Grant County Commissioner

**Secretary's Report:** Dick moved to approve the secretary's report, as presented, Morris second the motion, **M/C**.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$120,635.06 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$277.84  
Bills presented – Grant County News - ad - \$180.84, US Postal Service – stamps  
\$55.00, Eido Printing – ad - \$42.00

Matt moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Dick seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Old Business:**

**Landowner Spraying:** Merlin told the board that Randy Lyons contacted him wanting to spray this season. He has the equipment, licensed, insured, etc. Part of the business they do. He would spray in June and late August, early September. Merlin advertised for him in the newsletter. The way Merlin set up the program, the landowner either contact Merlin or Randy, to be put on the list. They can then send back a chemical request form to Merlin. If that is done, then their sprayer, whether it be Randy or someone else, can pick up the chemical from the weed board. Merlin will bill the landowner for the chemical, less cost share, when the job is completed. The sprayer will give Merlin a copy of the spray log. The sprayer will bill the landowner for the labor. Merlin is keeping a list of sprayers if anyone else contacts Merlin. So far, only Randy has.

**Palmer Amaranth Protocol:** Merlin discussed the protocol that copies of which were given to the board. Merlin has also discussed this with Tessa Keller, our new extension agent, and she is in agreement with it. Palmer is a serious weed, and needs to be taken as such.

**New Business:**

**Gravel Pit Spraying:** Merlin was contacted whether the weed board could spray the gravel pile by LeRoy Kautz for Leipzig Township. Concerns on Russian thistle. Morris moved to allow Merlin to spray the pile for them and any other pile. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Cell Phone:** Merlin would like a new cell phone, as the one he currently has does not update, and is around four years old. We can use the TAG grant from the NDDA towards this, with a 75 -25 match. Matt moved to allow Merlin to get a new phone. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Security Camera System for Building:** We need internet in the building to install a system. We can get a TAG Grant as well. Merlin will meet with the county commissioners to see if they would be willing to go 50/50 on internet, since the county chop has a phone.

**Spraying Bridges & Ditches for Commissioners:** John asked the board to consider having Merlin spray the bridge rails, and some burn down without extra pay, as the commissioners feel extra pay would be double dipping. Merlin agreed to do this for a one year trial. Matt moved to have Merlin spray and then revisit it at the budget meeting in June. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Next Meeting June 18, 8:00 pm, budget meeting**

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, Denis seconded the motion. **M/C** Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.