

## Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Carson Courthouse

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

President Eddy called meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. Members Present: Eddy Ulrich, Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman, Drew Gaugler, Denis Tibor, Dick Woodbury and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

**Secretary's Report:** Leonard moved to approve the minutes as presented. Denis seconded the motion, **M/C**.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$125,051.26 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$7,030.12, Receipts: \$11,301.00  
Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$27.49, Lorele Leithold – bug day - \$325.00,  
Pump Systems – pump - \$393.97, WRT – phone- \$75.00, MariAnn Leithold –bug day - \$90  
Warne Chemical – pump & controller - \$622.30, Eido Printing – bug day Ad - \$42.00,  
Grant County News – bug day ads - \$288.00, Nutrien – chemical - \$4,926.36

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

### Old Business:

**Spraying Update:** Merlin stated that he has sprayed nearly all what was missed last year, and then some. Probably fifth done. Randy Lyons and crew started last week, and are currently north of Carson. What started as a few jobs have turned into a number of new jobs.

**Bug Day report:** Very windy that day. Over 140 people in attendance. Gave out 1 bag of 3,000 beetles per landowner. 129 received bags. 387,000 beetles collected. Got better as the wind died down in the afternoon, after most had left. Landowners from 11 counties received bugs. 6 county weed officers were in attendance. Also, USDA Aphis had a crew of 4 there, Morton County had a crew of 4 there. NDDA was in attendance, along with a reported from the Fargo Forum.

**Credit Card:** Still in the process of doing all the correct steps in the process of getting it. A lot of obstacles from the bank for the county to work through. Coming soon

**Budget:** Handed out a final version of the budget. Did change the phone slightly higher. Merlin met with the commissioners last week on the budget. No opposition was stated at that time.

**Other? None**

### New Business:

**2021 Cost Share Guidelines:** Merlin expressed concerns that the way we have the cost share set up, a family could come in and get 30 gallons of Tordon per landowner, and it could be 4 or 5 limits. Matt said that the objective of the program is to get weeds controlled. Merlin is worried that without additional state funding, we will have to reduce the limit next year, or even the percent of cost share. He would like the board to think about ways to make it work without being taken advantage of by possibly a select few. Merlin said we have time, over the winter to get it figured out, if it gets changed. Tabled for now

**Weed Complaints:** Merlin said that he has been getting quite of few verbal complaints of neighbors not being in compliance with the noxious weed law. Everyone agreed that with the wet fall, a lot more weeds growing, and with tensions high throughout the country, it is not helping the situations either. No written complaints yet.

**Wind Meter:** Merlin said that the handheld wind meter has been giving him inaccurate readings. He has switched batteries, to no avail. He will try a new battery, and if that doesn't work, he will need to get a new one. This one is approximately 14 years old. Leonard moved that if Merlin cannot get the meter to work, to go ahead and purchase a new one. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Other? None**

**Next meeting:** September 15, in Carson at 8:00 pm

Being no further business, Eddy adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Eddy Ulrich, President