

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

March 17th, 2020

President Eddy Ulrich called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Eddy Ulrich, Matt Neiderman, Dick Woodbury, Morris Haase, Drew Gaugler, Leonard Gerhardt and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Merlin stated that Morris Haase has been reinstated on the weed board for a four year term.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$117,579.15 in the bank before bills. Bills presented tonight, WRT – Building phone - \$74.49 and Merlin Leithold – per diem - \$344.68 for total of \$419.17. Revenues tonight are \$12,747.13. Morris moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Dick seconded the motion, **M/C**.

Old Business:

Convention Update: Merlin gave a brief update from the past NDWCA Convention, held January 6-09 at the Ramada in Bismarck. Leonard was in attendance on Tuesday, as was Tess Osterbauer, extension agent.

Ag Shows: Corteva sponsored the booth for KFYR Agri-International. Merlin watched the booth on Wednesday. Real good attendance this year. Merlin also helped watch the booth at BSC for Farming and Ranching for the Botton Line sponsored by Mandan Area IV Research Center.

New Business:

Reorganization of the board: Eddy turned the meeting over to Merlin who then asked for nominations for President. Morris nominated Eddy. Eddy nominated Leonard. No other nominations. Matt moved that nominations cease and Morris seconded it. **M/C**. Voting ended up in a tie. Decided on coin flip. Eddy won coin flip. Congratulations Eddy. Merlin asked for nominations for Vice – President. Morris nominated Leonard. No other nominations. Matt moved that nominations cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Leonard. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C** Congratulations Leonard.

Merlin then turned the meeting over to Eddy. Eddy then asked for an appointment of the secretary.

Matt moved to appoint Merlin, who has been our current secretary as secretary for 2020. Morris seconded the motion.

M/C

Chemical Bids: Merlin stated that Bill Walker from Nutrien has indicated that they will honor the bids from last year for 2020. No action needed as we had requested for a 2 year bid, and the motion in 2019 reflects this.

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| Amine (Platoon) | \$10.60/gal |
| Tordon22K | \$42.44/gal – 1 or 2 ½ gal containers |
| Liberate | \$22/gal in 2 ½ & \$24/gal in 1 gal containers |
| MSO (w/Lecitech) | \$12.20/gal |
| Plateau | \$100.10/gal |
| Curtail | \$38.80/gal |
| Milestone | \$70.75/quart |
| Recycle Jugs | Yes |

Annual Report: Merlin went over the annual report for 2019. Dick moved to accept the report, Leonard seconded the motion. **M/C**

Sprayers: Merlin has been in contact with Randy Lyons. He is willing to come back this year, possibly putting a sprayer in Elgin for several weeks straight. With this Corona Virus situation, we will have to wait and see.

Merlin will continue to be in contact with him. It worked well last year, except for the season cut short.

Cost Share & Chemical Prices for 2020: Merlin recommended that we leave everything the same this year.

Cost Share – 65%

Amine - \$11.50/gallon – 2.5 gallon– no cost share and no limit

Tordon - \$44.00/gallon 1's & 2.5 gallon - 30 gallon cost share limit/season

Liberate - \$24.00/gallon 1's and 2.5 gallon – no cost share and no limit

MSO - \$13.00/gallon – 2.5 gallon – no cost share and no limit

Plateau - \$101/gallon – 1's – 5 gallon cost share limit/season

Milestone - \$71.00/quart – quarts – 16 quart cost share limit/season

Curtail - \$39.00/gallon – 2.5 gallon – 15 gallon cost share limit/season/After August 15th only

Leonard moved to leave everything the same again this year. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

New Spray System: Merlin stated that the old data logger system has quit working. The main component is out. Cheaper to upgrade then repair a 20 year old system. Merlin showed prices from AgTerra. Leonard saw how this system worked at their booth at the conference. We can get a \$5,000 grant from the state towards this system. The system would cost around \$5,500, with \$600 annual license fee. It needs to go to the commissioners for their approval first, as we don't have a line in the budget for it. Dick moved to table it to the next meeting, and have Merlin meet with the commissioners about it. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Ad for ditches: Merlin will run an ad in the paper when we get closer to spraying, letting landowners know, to where if they have concerns, they can contact Merlin. Merlin does this annually. It also goes in the newsletter.

Other: Merlin let the board know that once things green up, he will start spraying by the bridges again. Has chemical on hand for it.

Next Meeting – April 21st, 8:00 pm, MDT, at the courthouse in Carson.

Leonard moved to adjourn the meeting, Dick seconded the motion. **M/C**

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Eddy Ulrich, President