

## **Grant County Weed Board Meeting**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

President Eddy called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Members Present: Morris Haase, Drew Gaugler, Eddy Ulrich, Dick Woodbury, Denis Tibor, Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** We are not sure what is in checking, as the treasurer's report from the Auditors office is for the entire county. Morris moved to pay the following bills: Cenex Fleet Card - gas - \$239.25, Grant County News – bug day ad - \$110.00, Florian Zins – cost share - \$143.00, Board member salaries - \$3264.12. Total bills \$3,756.37. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C** Receipts for tonight, \$1,266.15

### **Old Business:**

**Spraying Update:** Merlin gave a spraying update. Randy Lyons has finished. He basically sprayed for those who requested work early. The later ones he did not get to. Weather had a huge role in it. As far as county roads, Merlin could have used 6 more days. Did 2 days spraying since the last board meeting. Not a good fall. Either wind or muddy roads. Did get Hwy 21 resprayed for thistle, as it was horrible this fall.

**Palmer Amaranth Update:** Merlin did recheck two fields. On the millet field, no regrowth found. On the other food plot, found some small plants. Was concerned about it, but, the weather took care of it. Couldn't check the other parcels, due to the high river. But then again, the weather helped. Next year could be interesting. Especially that we have no idea who all planted millet from that same load.

**Phone line:** They trenched in the cable, just waiting for it to get hooked up. After that, weather permitting, we'll get the cameras installed.

**Credit card Update:** Haven't heard from Sara yet. Still working on it.

**Waterhemp to the county noxious weed list:** As everyone knows, Tessa, the extension agent, agreed last month to add it to our county list. Everyone agreed it should be on the list. Dick moved to add Waterhemp to the Grant County noxious weed list. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C unanimous**

### **New Business:**

**Budget update:** Merlin went to the public hearing and there was no opposition to our budget at the hearing. Our budget passed as we presented it.

**Carrington Pigweed Meeting:** There's a pigweed meeting December 19 at Carrington. Merlin has been asked to come, since we found Palmer this year. Leonard moved to allow Merlin to go to this meeting, and pay mileage and per diem. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

**NDWCA Conference:** The NDWCA convention is January 6, 7, 8 & 9, 2020 at the Ramada in Bismarck. The association pays for Merlin's room and registration as part of his salary with them. Leonard moved to cover additional per diem not covered by the association for Merlin, and pay for registration and per diem for any board member willing to go, Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Approval to pay bills:** Matt moved that we allow Merlin to pay bills during the offseason, Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Board member terms:** Morris's term is up. Morris agreed to stay on the board if reappointed, for four more years. Matt moved to have Merlin send a letter to the county commissioners asking them to reappoint Morris for another term, Leonard seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Chemical Bids:** Merlin stated that not sure if our bid price for 2019 will work in 2020. If you don't see an ad in the paper for chemical bids, that will be an indication that it will remain the same.

**Other Business:** KFYR Days – February 11 & 12, 2020. No county Ag day this spring. Merlin will work one day at the KFYR Booth.

**Next meeting** – March 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, Denis seconded the motion. **M/C** Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Eddy Ulrich, President