

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Carson Courthouse

October 27th, 2020

President Eddy called meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. Members Present: Eddy Ulrich, Matt Niederman, Drew Gaugler, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Dick Woodbury, Leonard Gerhardt and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

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

Treasurer's Report: We had \$89,029.98 in checking before tonight's bills. Total bills tonight \$8,183.16.
Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$269.56, Nutrien – chemical - \$4,627.80
WRT – phone- \$75.05, Cannonball FFA Alumni – booth at ag. day - \$40.00, Merlin Leithold -
Mileage - \$270.86, Eddy Ulrich –board salary - \$424.12, Matt Niederman – board salary - \$339.20
Leonard Gerhardt- board salary - \$537.88, Morris Haase – board salary - \$333.52
Dick Woodbury – board salary - \$218.56, Drew Gaugler – board salary - \$536.64
Denis Tibor – board salary - \$306.14

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

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that he finished spraying the roads the first week of October. This year he sprayed some of the main roads twice. Drew asked about trouble some areas for next season. Merlin mentioned that Hwy 21, Canada thistle continues to be ugly. Could put a sprayer on that highway nearly all summer. Leafy spurge areas, south of Leonard's is always terrible, no matter what chemical is used. Canada thistle will be a problem on a lot of areas in a few years.

Randy Lyons crew sprayed for 20 landowners, did not get to several. They plan on coming back next season.

Palmer Amaranth to remain a noxious weed: Merlin talked about the meeting the state board had with Commissioner Goehring about Palmer remaining a noxious weed. There are some who would like it removed. The commissioner stated that once a weed goes on the noxious weed list it stays. Merlin pointed out to him that bindweed, yellow star thistle and hoary cress were on the list and have since been removed. Merlin stated that if by chance it would come off the state list, we could place it on our county list. It would be an option.

Other? None

New Business:

Budget for 2021: Merlin told the board that the budget we submitted to the commissioners was approved as presented.

NDWCA Annual Conference: Tentatively set for January 11-14 at the Ramada in Bismarck. Merlin discussed with the board the possibility that it could be cancelled and a portion of it could be done virtually. Still need approval to attend just in case it is held. Matt moved to send Merlin and any board members to the conference if it is held, paying for registration and per Diem. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

NDSU Extension Report: Tessa could not be here this evening as she is still under quarantine due to Covid that she contracted. She would like the board to attend the annual Grant County Ag. Day in Carson, November 9.

Approval for Merlin to pay bills throughout the winter: Morris moved allowing Merlin to pay the bills throughout the winter. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

Bidding Chemical in 2021: Just a reminder to the board that our 2 year bid is up, and we will have to rebid the chemicals for 2021, to be opened at the March meeting.

Board members terms expiring: Dick and Eddy terms will expire at the end of 2020. When asked, they both indicated that they would like to remain on for another term. Morris moved to have Merlin send a letter of recommendation to the commissioners asking that Dick and Eddy be given another term on the board. Leonard seconded the motion. **M/C**
The board felt that if Merlin has the time, he should attend that meeting.

Other? None

Next meeting: March 16th, 2021 in Carson (Hopefully) at 7:00 pm. If we cannot have it in Carson, it will be at the weed building in Elgin.

Being no further business, Eddy adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Eddy Ulrich, President