

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADAMS COUNTY WEED BOARD

October 1, 2018

The Adams County Weed Board met at the Adams County Courthouse in Hettinger with the following members present: Allan Earsley, Howard Nelson, and Norris Erickson, Sr. Board Members Bill Christman and Vern Erickson were absent.

Also present was Weed Control Officer Tim Milliren.

Chairman Earsley called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Board Member Howard Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the May 18th, 2017 meeting as presented. Second by Board Member Norris Erickson Sr. and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

Board Member Norris Erickson Sr. moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Board Member Howard Nelson and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2017 financial statement was reviewed by the Board.

Weed Control Officer Tim Milliren updated the board on issues he has encountered while trying to enforce the noxious weed spraying laws.

Weed Control Officer Tim Milliren reported that new weeds have been added to the noxious weed list. The weeds have been found in Grant County and are believed to be here as well. The thought is that the weed was possibly brought from custom combiners originating from a southern state. The weed creates a problem as it is immune to round up, and will need to be killed off by something stronger, such as a broad leaf chemical. Tim also brought forth to the meeting a possible "weed complaint form." The form is currently being used in Hettinger County and it has worked very well. The form would be confidential and be kept at the Court House. Tim would follow up with a letter after the weed complaint form was filed and possibly conduct a site visit before spraying. Board Member Howard Nelson moved to table any decision on the weed complaint form until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Board Member Norris Erickson Sr. and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2018 cost share program was discussed. Board Member Norris Erickson, Sr. moved that the weed spraying cost share program remain the same as 2017 and is as follows: the county's share of spraying leafy spurge and Canada thistle does not exceed 80% of the cost of the chemicals with a limit of \$2500.00 per landowner. Second by Board Member Howard Nelson and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

Scheduling the 2019 meeting was discussed. The members present decided to schedule the next meeting for the 3rd Thursday of March as well each subsequent year. The 2019 meeting date will be Thursday March 21st.

Bill Christman submitted a bill for hours he worked. Board Member Howard Nelson moved to pay Mr. Christman for the work he completed. Second by Board Member Norris Erickson, Sr. and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2018 weed board assignment areas will remain the same and are as follows:

Allan Earsley: Whetstone Township; Darling Springs Township; Wolf Butte Township; Lemmon Township
Kathy Vliem: Kansas City Township; Dakota Township; Spring Butte Township; South Fork Township
Howard Nelson: Reeder Township; Bucyrus Township; Holt Township; Duck Creek Township
Chuck Christman: Chandler Township; Jordan Township; Cedar Butte Township; Beisigl Township
Norris Erickson: Lightning Creek Township; Holden Township; Hettinger Township; Scott Township
Vern Erickson: Cedar Township; Maine Township; Taylor Butte Township; Argonne Township
Bill Christman: Clermont Township; Gilstrap Township; North Lemmon Township; Orange Township

Chairman Earsley adjourned the meeting at 2:35 P.M

Allan Earsley, Chairman

Attest:

Patricia Carroll, Secretary