

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADAMS COUNTY WEED BOARD

March 16, 2023

The Adams County Weed Board met at the Adams County Courthouse in Hettinger with the following members present: Allan Earsley, Norris Erickson Sr., and Kalen Manthei.

Weed Control Officer Tim Milliren was unable to be present

Board Chairman Earsley called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Board Member Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the March 17th, 2022 meeting as presented. Second by Board Member Manthei and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

Board Member Manthei moved to approve the agenda. Second by Board Member Erickson and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2022 financial statement was reviewed by the Board.

Board Member Earsley nominated Kalen Manthei for the appointment of the Board Chairman, second by Board Member Erickson, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Board Member Earsley nominated Norris Erickson Sr as Vice Chair, second by Board Member Manthei, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Lap Grant Allocation: the Auditor discussed the need to budget their funds appropriately but if LAP grant funds are wanted to be reimbursed, their budget needs to be at or above 3 mills, last year the budget was under, so the County was denied the reimbursement.

2023 Landowner Cost Share Application: Board Member Earsley moved to keep the application at 80-20%, second by Board Member Erickson, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Weed Control Officer, Tim Milliren gave updates to the Board, not a lot to update as it was a very dry year. There was only a handful of weed complaints over the last year. Mr. Milliren requested an increase in pay of \$5 per hour more. The request is due to the increase in gas. Mr. Milliren gets paid the state mileage rate but that doesn't help when he has to pull a trailer for his equipment. Board Member Christman approved the \$5 an hour increase in pay, second by Board Member Erickson, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Mr. Milliren discussed his request to extend the cost share application deadline from October 1 to October 15, to help landowners get Fall spraying accomplished. Board Member Erickson moved to approve the deadline for the cost share as October 15, 2022, second by Board Member Christman, and by unanimous vote; motion carried. Board Member Christman moved to keep the 80-20 cost share the same as previous years, second by Board Member Erickson, and by unanimous vote; motion carried.

Board Member Erickson moved to approve the 2023 weed board assignment areas, Second by Board Member Earsley and by unanimous vote, motion carried. Allan

Assignments 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
Kalen Manthei: Cedar Township; Maine Township; Taylor Butte Township; Argonne Township
Bill Christman: Clermont Township; Gilstrap Township; North Lemmon Township; Orange Township

Discussion was had on tasks of the weed board, and tasks of the Weed Officer.

2024 Budget This was decided to have a special meeting for as the Weed Officer was unavailable to discuss his requests for the next year. The meeting will be scheduled for May.

Board Member Recommendations were discussed to fill the position of Allan Earsley, as he will be retiring this May. The Auditor will be in contact with a few people to find any interest.

Board Member Earsley moved to adjourn, second by Board Member Erickson, Board Chairman, Kalen Manthei declared the meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM

Kalen Manthei, Chairman

Attest:

Krista Faller, Secretary