

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ADAMS COUNTY WEED BOARD

June 17, 2020

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

Also present was Weed Control Officer Tim Milliren.

Chairman Earsley called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. (Meeting was originally scheduled for March, but cancelled due to Covid-19.

Board Member Howard Nelson moved to approve the minutes of the March 21st, 2019 meeting as presented. Second by Board Member Bill Christman and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

Board Member Bill Christman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Board Member Mort Erickson and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2019 financial statement was reviewed by the Board.

Powers of the County Weed Board were discussed, it was earlier discussed to have an assistant Weed Officer, but no updates have evolved. It was also discussed who appoints members of the Weed Board, the Commissioners or the Weed Board.

Weed Control Officer Tim Milliren updated the board on weed control issues in the County. Everything has been very quiet, and not a lot of complaints or calls have come in. Weed Officer Milliren is in need of an address for a constant weed issue from out-of-town property owners. The Weed Board secretary will look into what she finds and report to Mr. Milliren. He discussed the possibility to change the Weed complaint form to delete the signature requirement. Board Member Bill Christman moved to delete the requirement of signing the complaint form. Second by Board Member Howard Nelson and by unanimous vote, motion carried. Weed Officer Milliren informed the Board about new chemicals being introduced, one problem to report with one was the eighteen- month waiting period after spraying. The Board discussed with Mr. Milliren, the different chemicals used when spraying. One of the most used being Milestone, although it would not be an approved chemical if the land would be used for planting in the next year.

2020 Cost Share Application was reviewed, as the Adams County Commissioners had made some changes to the application. Some new requirements of the application are: correctly dated receipts and maps originating from FSA. The Commissioners also emphasized in bold font the required date of application, as they do not want to approve applications that are received late. The 2019 season, the budget was over expended, and no one received the full expected refunded amount. This year they budgeted extra, but also want to make sure everyone is being honest and following the same rules. Board Member Howard Nelson moved to approve the changes to the application and to keep the percentage at 80/20% pay out. Second by Board Member Mort Erickson and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

Weed Board Assignments were discussed, Hannah Nordby being new on the board did not feel comfortable being appointed to her own area alone. She voiced concern and felt she would be more comfortable working with Mr. Milliren and Charlene Milliren to learn better the different townships in Adams County. Board Member Hannah Nordby moved to keep all board assignments as the last year and revisit the assignments next year. Second by Board Member Bill Christman and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

The 2020 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
Hannah Nordby:	Cedar Township; Maine Township; Taylor Butte Township; Argonne Township
Bill Christman:	Clermont Township; Gilstrap Township; North Lemmon Township; Orange Township

2021 Budget, the board discussed the different line items and accounts within the Weed Fund. After appropriations were made and discussed, Board Member Bill Christman moved to approve the appropriations. Second by Board Member Howard Nelson and by unanimous vote, motion carried.

Chairman Earsley declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Allan Earsley, Chairman

Attest:

Krista Faller, Secretary