

## **Grant County Weed Board Meeting**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

President Leonard called meeting to order at 8:05 p.m., at the courthouse in Carson. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Morris Haase, Dick Woodbury, Matt Niederman, Marty Meyer, Denis Tibor and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Merlin reported that we have \$198,070.14 in the fund before tonight's bills. Bills presented tonight: WRT – phone - \$84.74, Pump Systems – water meter - \$191.62, and GS Publishing – chemical ad - \$83.76. Merlin also received a check for state cost share for \$19,614.61. Matt moved to pay bills. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

### **Old Business:**

**Chemical prices for 2022:** Matt moved that we approve the following rates. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

Amine - \$24.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon– no cost share and no limit

Tordon - \$49.00/gallon 1's & 2 ½ gallon - 30 gallon cost share limit/season

Liberate - \$27.00/gallon 1's and 2 ½ gallon – no cost share and no limit

MSO - \$18.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – no cost share and no limit

Plateau - \$103/gallon – 1's – 5 gallon cost share limit/season

Milestone - \$68.00/quart – quarts – 20 quart cost share limit/season

DuraCor - \$89.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – 5 gallon cost share limit/season

Facet L - \$136.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – 2 ½ gallon limit

Method - \$323.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – 2 ½ gallon limit

FreeLexx - \$26.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – no limit or cost share

**Chemical Ordered for 2022:** With chemical prices taking another jump, and not knowing availability into the growing season, Merlin ordered most if not all the chemical we will need. The building will be full, 14 pallets arriving Thursday.

**Other: Water to building:** Merlin met with the county commissioners to discuss what costs if any the weed budget would have to cover with the county shop being hooked up to SW Water. The commissioners assured Merlin that the weed board would only have to cover the cost of the extra meter by the hydrant. Also discussed was the possibility of adding an office to the building in the future. The water and sewer lines for that would be dug in at that time, with the cost to the weed board.

**Sprayers:** Randy Lyons said that his labor will go from \$110/hr., to \$122.50/hr. for 2022.

### **New Business:**

**Bridge Spraying:** The commissioners decided to wait and see what will be needed possibly holding off this year. Too much washing by the bridges. The visibility factor not being considered.

**DOT Contract:** The contract for 2022 is again \$9,200.00 Dick moved to again spray DOT roads for the state, and get reimbursed. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Pallet Jack:** Merlin asked the board for permission to purchase a pallet jack for the weed building. Seems like every year we receive numerous pallets of chemicals, and after a short while the wrong chemical is in the back row, with the only way to get it out is over the top of another pallet of chemical. Merlin has found one at Runnings, 4,400# capacity, which is plenty strong enough, priced at under \$400.00. We can also receive grant money towards the purchase. Morris moved that we purchase a pallet jack. Marty seconded the motion. **M/C**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bug Day:** Merlin asked if the board wants to have a bug day again, dependent on bugs. Matt moved to have a bug day. Marty seconded the motion. **M/C**

We will decide on costs for Lorele at the June meeting. Merlin will also talk with Morton County to see whether they want to be included.

**Extension report:** Tess could not attend this evening, maternity leave, it's a boy!!

**Next Meeting** –June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 MDT, at the courthouse in Carson. (Budget Meeting)

Being no further business, Denis moved to adjourn the meeting, Dick seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President