

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Carson Courthouse

July 19th, 2022

President Leonard called meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Marty Meyer, Dick Woodbury and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Drew Gaugler came at 8:46 pm.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$95,724.20 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$17,438.24 Receipts: \$14,393.30
Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$335.61, Lorele Leithold – bug day - \$500.00, WRT – phone- \$85.62,
MariAnn Leithold –bug day - \$70.00 Kalyssa Leithold – bug day - \$70.00, Nutrien – chemical - \$16,125.20,
Visa – gas can - \$27.81, Maya Meyer – bug day - \$56.00, Mercedes Meyer – bug day - \$56.00,
Malachi Meyer – bug day - \$56.00, Micah Meyer – bug day - \$56.00, Molly Meyer – bug day - \$56.00
Matt moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Dick seconded the motion, **M/C**

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that it has been going slow due to weather. Randy Lyons and crew Plan to start by August 1st. quite a bit of work lined up.

Bug Day report: Had 40hds rain early in the morning, so dealt with wet grass for most of the morning. When grass dried, bugs were being collected in large numbers. Over 100 people in attendance. Gave out 2 bag of 3,000 beetles per landowner. 185 bags. 545,000 beetles collected. Landowners from 08 counties received bugs. USDA Aphis came and helped, Morton County had a crew of 3 there. NDDA was in attendance with 3 people. Also, a reporter from Farm and Ranch Guide, was in attendance, plans on doing a story on the counties successful bio days. Slightly better than last year.

Budget: Meeting with county commissioners' tomorrow morning at 11, presenting the budget. Anyone on the board is more than welcome to come. Merlin said that he adjusted the income side, as the truck is worth \$30,000 instead of \$25,000 like we put in the budget. Reflects a more accurate value.

Other? None

New Business:

Extension Report: Tessa was unable to make it this evening.

Mileage Rates and meeting pay for board members: state mileage rates have gone from .585/mile to .625/mile, effective July 1st. Also, beginning next year, board members will be paid monthly, instead of once a year after the October meeting.

Copy Machine: The offices in the courthouse received new copiers this spring, so we were eligible to receive one of the old ones free of charge. Merlin kept it in the weed building. Plans on buying a cover for it to keep it clean.

Other? None

Next meeting: September 20th, in Carson at 8:00 pm

Being no further business, Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President