

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Carson Courthouse

June 15th, 2021

President Leonard called meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Morris Haase, Denis Tibor, Dick Woodbury, Tessa Osterbauer, NDSU Extension, and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$170,613.23 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$16,670.89, Receipts: \$9,595.49
Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$111.53, FIBT – credit card – bug nets - \$786.11,
WRT – phone- \$85.65, Nutrien – chemical - \$15,687.60

Dick moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Morris seconded the motion, **M/C**

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that he has nearly finished spraying the bridges, then on to noxious weeds in road ditches. Not spraying bridges in the Shields area due to the massive rains. Spoke with Randy Lyons. They should be here around the week after July 4th.

Heater: Received \$679.16 state grant, leaving a net cost of \$452.64

DOT Contract: The contract was for \$9,000 for 2021

Other? None

New Business:

Budget for 2022: The board worked on the budget for next year. Dick moved to give Merlin a \$565 salary increase for 2022. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C** On the budget, total income: \$147,668.54, total expenses: \$144,302.50. Merlin will work with Sara and put in the final numbers in columns that need tweaking. Denis moved to approve the budget, Dick seconded the motion, **M/C**

25th Annual Bug Day: June 22nd 10:00 am MDT. Morton County will pay 50% of advertising in the Eido and lunch. Board consensus is to continue having them, as long as the bugs are there. Morris moved to pay Lorele \$400 for catering the lunch, because of the added expenses, and pay additional help for sweeping, etc., \$12/hr. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C** Tess said that she would be coming to bug day, and she could help out.

Barnes County Palmer Amaranth: Merlin handed out a timeline sheet from the article recently in Agweek concerning the Barnes County Palmer Amaranth outbreak. Apparently sunflower screenings were the cause. The ND Ag Dept. appears to have dropped the ball on this, allowing the screenings to continue to be sold, for feed, despite knowing the screenings that were being sold, were infested.

Discussion revealed that sunflower screenings have been fed in our area as well.

Extension Report: Tessa reported that the Governor and other officials were having drought meetings in Washburn, Rugby and Medora. There will be a water quality meeting put on by the Soil Conservation District on June 29th. Tessa can come to your ranch and take water samples or you can bring them into the office. She can check the water's quality in a matter of minutes.

Other? None

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President