

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

March 15th, 2022

President Leonard Gerhardt called meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Members Present: Dick Woodbury, Morris Haase, Drew Gaugler, Leonard Gerhardt, and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Guests were Bill Walker, Nutrien Ag. Solutions

Merlin stated that Leonard and Denis have been reinstated on the weed board for another four year term.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$187,444.20 in the bank before bills. Bills presented tonight, WRT – Building phone - \$84.87, Visa – credit card – info baskets – 43.96, and Merlin Leithold – per diem - \$743.82 for a total of \$872.65
Morris moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Dick seconded the motion, **M/C**.

Old Business:

Convention Update: Merlin gave a brief report. Good attendance, not many vendors, excellent speakers and topics. Better hotel as well, held at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Leonard attended the free day on Wednesday.

KFYR Ag Shows: Corteva sponsored the booth for KFYR Agri-International. Merlin watched the booth on Tuesday and Wednesday along with Cody Schnabel, Morton County Weed Officer. . Poor attendance again this year. Decent amount of folks from Grant County.

Palmer Amaranth Update: The area sprayed last fall with Tordon/Amine/Liberate looked good going into the dormant season. But with the flash flood that occurred last spring, we could have a serious problem over the next several years.

New Business:

Reorganization of the board: Leonard turned the meeting over to Merlin who then asked for nominations for President. Morris suggested that we leave the officers as they were last year. He then moved to leave officers the same as 2021. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C** Leonard remains president, Dick vice president.

Merlin then turned the meeting over to Leonard. Leonard then asked for an appointment of the secretary.

Morris moved to appoint Merlin, who has been our current secretary as secretary for 2022. Drew seconded the motion.

M/C

Chemical Bids: Merlin stated Nutrien has the only bid. He opened and read the bid. He then passed the bid sheet around. Morris moved to accept the chemical bid from Nutrien. Dick seconded the motion. **M/C**

These prices are only valid until the next price increase. Grant County will be notified before an increase, so we can order under current price structure. Shortages will also be a problem this season.

| | <u>Nutrien</u> |
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| Amine (Platoon) | \$23.50/gal |
| Tordon22K | \$48.10/gal – 1 or 2 ½ gal containers |
| Liberate | \$26/gal in 2 ½ & \$27.50/gal in 1 gal containers |
| MSO (w/Lecitech) | \$17.60/gal |
| Plateau | \$103.00/gal |
| DuraCor | \$88.00/gal |
| Milestone | \$67.50/quart |
| Facet L | \$135.00/gal |
| Method | \$322.56/gal – 2 ½ gal containers only |
| FreeLexx | \$25.50/gal – will take the place of Platoon |
| Recycle Jugs | Yes |

Annual Report: Merlin went over the annual report for 2021. Dick moved to accept the report, Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

Sprayers: Merlin has been in contact with Randy Lyons. He is willing to come back this year. Due to high fuel prices, he has not been able to set a labor cost. Plans on figuring it out soon, to get it in the spring newsletter. Merlin will continue to be in contact with him. It worked well last year. Has a good crew in place, same as he ended with last fall.

Cost Share & Chemical Prices for 2022: Merlin recommended the following cost share and prices.

Cost Share – Morris moved to set the cost share this year at 70%, with the limits remaining the same. Dick seconded the motion. **M/C**

Merlin will set the chemical prices for 2022 with the same basis as they were set in 2021.

Ad for ditches: Merlin will run an ad in the paper when we get closer to spraying, letting landowners know, to where if they have concerns, they can contact Merlin. Merlin does this annually. It also goes in the newsletter.

Next Meeting – April 19th, 8:00 pm, MDT, at the courthouse in Carson.

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President