

## Grant County Weed Board Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Vice President Leonard Gerhardt called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members Present: Dick Woodbury, Morris Haase, Drew Gaugler, Leonard Gerhardt, Marty Meyer and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Guests were Tessa Osterbauer, NDSU Extension and Bill Walker, Nutrien Ag. Solutions

Merlin stated that Dick Woodbury has been reinstated on the weed board for a four year term. Also Marty Meyer has been appointed to take the term of the late Eddy Ulrich. Leonard welcomed Marty to the board and congratulated Dick on another term. Merlin passed around a thank you card received from the Ulrich family for the memorial plant. Merlin payed for the plant and any board member may contribute to it.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$156,621.58 in the bank before bills. Bills presented tonight, WRT – Building phone - \$85.50 and GS Publishing – chemical bid ad - \$80.52 for total of \$166.02. Dick moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Drew seconded the motion, **M/C**.

### Old Business:

**Convention Update:** No convention held this year due to the pandemic.

**Ag Shows:** Corteva sponsored the booth for KFVR Agri-International. Merlin watched the booth on Wednesday. Poor attendance this year. No County Ag Day either.

**Larry Haas:** Larry had requested to be on the agenda, but has not come. He would like the weed board to cost share Widematch herbicide. He uses it in his pasture for controlling Leafy spurge and Wormwood and Canada thistle. Bill Walker stated that the ester in Widematch is giving him some plant top burn off, but not killing the plant. Another major problem with Widematch, it is not labeled for rangeland, cropland only. Spraying off label can get a person in serious trouble, especially in this type of case. Cost sharing a chemical like this could get the weed board in trouble as well.

**DuraCor:** Merlin had Bill talk to the board on DuraCor. Merlin purchased some last fall when the company had fall markdowns. He would like the board to consider cost sharing it as well. Bill said that 16 ounces of DuraCor equals 5 ounces Milestone. Costs per acre about the same. With DuraCor, you get broadleaf control, something you do not get with Milestone. Also, DuraCor is a better chemical to tank mix with Tordon.

### New Business:

**Reorganization of the board:** Leonard turned the meeting over to Merlin who then asked for nominations for President. Morris nominated Leonard. No other nominations. Dick moved that nominations cease and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Leonard. Drew seconded it. **M/C**. Congratulations Leonard. Merlin asked for nominations for Vice – President. Morris nominated Dick. Dick nominated Denis. No other nominations. Dick won. Congratulations Dick. 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 2021. Dick 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. Drew moved to accept the chemical bid from Nutrien. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

	<u>Nutrien</u>
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Amine (Platoon)	\$9.80/gal
Tordon22K	\$41.44/gal – 1 or 2 ½ gal containers
Liberate	\$23/gal in 2 ½ & \$24/gal in 1 gal containers
MSO (w/Lecitech)	\$14.60/gal
Plateau	\$95.00/gal
DuraCor	\$83.00/gal

Milestone	\$66.25/quart
Facet L	\$115.00/gal
Recycle Jugs	Yes

**Annual Report:** Merlin went over the annual report for 2020. Dick moved to accept the report, Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Sprayers:** Merlin has been in contact with Randy Lyons. He is willing to come back this year. His plans are to be in the county around July 4<sup>th</sup>. He has raised his price to \$120/hr. Merlin will continue to be in contact with him. It worked well last year, except when his crew quit.

**Cost Share & Chemical Prices for 2021:** Merlin recommended the following cost share and prices.

Cost Share – 65% Rangeland only.

Amine - \$10.50/gallon – 2 ½ gallon– no cost share and no limit

Tordon - \$43.00/gallon 1's & 2 ½ gallon - 30 gallon cost share limit/season

Liberate - \$24.50/gallon 1's and 2 ½ gallon – no cost share and no limit

MSO - \$15.50/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – no cost share and no limit

Plateau - \$97/gallon – 1's – 5 gallon cost share limit/season

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

DuraCor - \$85.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – 5 gallon cost share limit/season

Facet L - \$117.00/gallon – 2 ½ gallon – 2 ½ gallon limit

**Electric Heater for shop:** Merlin stated that it would be nice to have a heater in the area where the truck parks. We currently heat the chemical room. The equipment on the truck is not made for subzero temps. Usually that area gets to themed 20's. Anything below 20 could cause damage. We would keep it around freezing, to slightly above. It would also be handy if we need to have a board meeting in there, like last year in April, when with small heaters it was a little cool. Wutzke submitted a bid for \$996.35 installed. We can get a grant from the state to cover over half of it. Morris moved to have Wutzke install a heater. Marty seconded the motion. **M/C**

**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.

**Extension Report:** Tessa said that she would be willing to put our cost share in her newsletter as well. Merlin will get her the figures. She passed out quick reference guides for using the weed control guide. She also mentioned that her office can do testing for water quality and for hay.

**Other:** Merlin let the board know that once things green up, he will start spraying by the bridges again. Has chemical on hand for it.

**Next Meeting** – April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm, MDT, at the courthouse in Carson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President