

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Carson Courthouse

October 17th, 2023

President Leonard called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman, Denis Tibor, Marty Meyer, Drew Gaugler, Dick Woodbury and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Morris Haase came at 7:40 p.m. He forgot time was at 7 instead of 8.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have approximately \$105,000 in account with tonight's bills. No treasurer's report was received from the auditor's office. Total bills \$5,657.71 Receipts: \$2,306.30

Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$366.91, WRT – phone- \$85.76, Nutrien – chemical - \$3,547.80, Visa – misc. - \$167.45, Merlin Leithold – mileage - \$769.62, Board salaries - Leonard Gerhardt - \$116.92, Marty Meyer – \$39.30, Morris Haase - \$102.51, Denis Tibor - \$140.50, Dick Woodbury - \$80.24, Walker Sabin - \$115.61, Drew Gaugler - \$125.09.

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

Extension Report: Tessa could not be here, but she did want to invite everyone on the board to the County Ag day which is scheduled for November 8th in New Leipzig starting at 6:00 p.m. Free supper with the big topic discussed will be anthrax.

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that he has finished all state highways and county roads at least one time across two weeks ago. Randy Lyons sprayed for a number of people. Ran out of time. Haven't talked to Steven Zenker. He picked up more chemical two weeks ago.

New Truck Update: Truck is paid for, and is at Glen's Welding getting the headache rack extended for the strobe light. Should be done next week.

Grant County Ag Day: Do we want a booth? Cost is \$40. Walker moved to have a booth Marty seconded the motion. **M/C**

Chemical Prices for 2024: From what Merlin has been hearing from industry, we should see stable to slightly lower costs for chemical in 2024.

Other? None

New Business:

Data Logger: Merlin said that the granting program for a new data logger ends December 1. We just have to have the request in, taking delivery early next spring. Our net cost will be around \$1,300. We have it in the budget for around \$2,000. Drew moved to get the new data logger Marty seconded the motion. **M/C**

NDWCA Annual Conference: The annual conference is scheduled for January 2-5, 2024 in Bismarck at the Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center. The association picks up the registration and room for Merlin & Lorele. Morris moved to pay Merlin's per diem for the conference, and to pay the registration, room and per diem for any board members who wish to attend. Walker seconded the motion. **M/C**

Sponsorship for conference: Merlin asked the board if they would be interested in sponsoring \$200 for half of the cost for Blue Stems. They will be performing during the noon luncheon on Thursday, January 4th. Cass County will be picking up the other half. Dick moved that we pay \$200 towards covering Blue Stems. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

Approval to pay bills: Walker moved to allow Merlin, on the boards' behalf, to submit vouchers to the auditor to pay all bills that may come to the board to be paid during the winter season. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

Board member terms: One board member's term is expiring at the end of 2023, Morris Haase. Morris strongly indicated that he wants off. He has served on the board since 2003. He served several years as the board chairman. Thank you Morris for your dedication to the weed board. Merlin was asked by the board to find a replacement for Morris. Several names were given. Morris moved that Merlin send a letter to the county commissioners in support of his replacement and to have Merlin attend the commissioner meeting in support of the selection. Dick seconded the motion. **M/C**
Leonard and the board thanked Morris for taking time to serve on the weed board all these years.

Next Meeting: March 19th, 2024, 7:00 pm - Carson

Other? None

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