

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Yet to be approved

Carson Courthouse

October 26th, 2021

President Leonard called meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Members Present: Marty Meyer, Matt Niederman, Drew Gaugler, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Dick Woodbury, Leonard Gerhardt and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

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

Treasurer's Report: We had \$105,888.56 in checking before tonight's bills. Total bills tonight \$20,849.32.

Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$396.07, Nutrien – chemical - \$16,751.85

WRT – phone- \$85.24, G S Publishing - advertising - \$108.00, Merlin Leithold -

Mileage - \$252.56, Marty Meyer –board salary - \$418.00, Matt Niederman – board salary - \$343.36

Leonard Gerhardt- board salary - \$515.04, Morris Haase – board salary - \$434.40

Dick Woodbury – board salary - \$272.40, Drew Gaugler – board salary - \$468.40

Denis Tibor – board salary - \$636.00

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

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that he finished spraying the roads the first week of October. He has a couple of roads left, they usually are clean. Drew mentioned that the road past their yards has Canada thistle, where they rebuilt a part of it. Merlin has a little mix left in the tank and he will hit that spot before he finishes the rest.

Randy Lyons crew sprayed for more landowners this season, spraying for all who wanted it. They plan on coming back next season.

Palmer Amaranth Update: Merlin passed around pictures of Palmer found in the county. Talked about different chemical mixes used, and that it came in on sunflower screenings. Will be a mess in the county for some time.

Chemical prices for 2022: Prices are going higher, shortages are getting worse. We will definitely have to bid again next season, if we can. There may be no bidding going into the season due to the constant changes in the prices. Merlin asked whether he should stock up this fall. The board said yes, get in what you feel we will need to start out into the new growing season.

Other? None

New Business:

Commissioner Updates: Merlin told the board that the well at the building is bad, getting worse. Discussion on a new well or hooking up to southwest water. Looks like we may have to bear some of the cost. Also was discussed about having a bathroom at our building. Just discussion, passed on to you the board.

NDWCA Annual Conference: Set for January 4-7 at the Ramkota in Bismarck. Morris moved to send Merlin and any board members to the conference if it is held, paying for registration and per Diem. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

NDSU Extension Report: Tessa could not make it this evening

Approval for Merlin to pay bills throughout the winter: Dick moved allowing Merlin to pay the bills throughout the winter. Marty seconded the motion. **M/C**

Bidding Chemical in 2021: As mentioned earlier, we will have to rebid for 2022, if they are giving bids. Bids to be opened at the March meeting.

Board members terms expiring: Denis and Leonard terms will expire at the end of 2021. When asked, they both indicated that they would like to remain on for another term. Morris moved to have Merlin send a letter of recommendation to the commissioners asking that Denis and Leonard be given another 4 year term on the board. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

Other? None

Next meeting: March 15th, 2021 in Carson at 7:00 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President