

Grant County Weed Board Meeting
Carson Courthouse
September 20th, 2022

President Leonard called meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Marty Meyer, Drew Gaugler, Dick Woodbury and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.
Guests: Tessa Osterbauer, NDSU Extension Agent

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$107,591.33 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$1,058.43 Receipts: \$3,775.60
Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$396.19, Merlin Leithold – mileage - \$576.62, WRT – phone- \$85.62,
Morris moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills, Matt seconded the motion, **M/C**

Extension Report: Tessa stated that tomorrow, September 21st, there will be a windbreak workshop at Wes Frederick's farm @ 1:00 pm MDT. Everyone is invited to attend. The garden tour went well. County Ag day is scheduled for November 1st in Elgin.

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that it has been going pretty good lately. Only has a few days left and all roads will have been sprayed. Has already gone over some main roads the second time. Some areas look a lot better than last year, some areas don't. Less Canada thistle in ditches this year. More Dalmatian toadflax, especially single plants. Randy Lyons and crew came late and left early. Plan to come back to finish up.

Budget: Public meeting with county commissioners went fine. No public outcry on our budget. The commissioners did approve the budget with the new truck in it. Will buy our truck for \$30,000. They will approve that officially next week when they have their regularly scheduled meeting. They also approved the raise for the board from \$50 to \$75/meeting. But, there is one major stipulation. If a board member is running late to a meeting, and doesn't contact Merlin that he/she is running late, and the President calls the meeting to order, that board member will not be paid for that meeting, and no mileage will be collected as well. Marty said that it is not aimed at the weed board. There are other boards in the county structure where members are coming late on a regular basis. The commissioners feel that they need to get a handle on this issue and get it corrected.

Pickup Bids: Merlin asked where we should solicit bids for a new truck. They can be out of state, and we do not have to put an ad in the paper, since no local dealers exist. The consensus of the board was to leave it up to Merlin. Have to keep in mind where we can get it serviced, warranty work as well. Merlin will go to the various dealers in Bismarck/Mandan. Bid opening will be October 18 at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Other? None

New Business:

Booth at county Ag show: Dick moved to have a booth at the Ag show, Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Merlin stated that he will place an ad in the Grant County News and run it for 2 weeks for the cost share deadline which is October 15th. No motion needed.

Other? None

Next meeting: October 18th, 7:00pm in Carson (Final meeting for 2022)

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President