

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

Carson Courthouse

September 21st, 2021

President Leonard called meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. Members Present: Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman, Drew Gaugler, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Marty Meyer, Dick Woodbury and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Guests: Tessa Osterbauer, NDSU Extension Agent

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$134,126.12 as of September 1. Total bills tonight \$13,132.53

Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card – gas - \$307.88, Todd Miller – cost share - \$27.95

Nutrien – chemical - \$12,711.20, WRT – phone- \$85.50.

August Bills Total: 21,537.41

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

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin stated that he is gaining on the roads. Couple of weeks and he should have them covered. Randy Lyons and crew are done for the season. Sprayed for around 25 landowners, sprayed for whoever requested. Wants to be back next season. His crew likes it up here as well. Have has good comments from landowners. Seems to be getting good control.

Budget Update: Commissioners approved budget as presented. They feel that as far as a new truck, we should wait until next year and put it into the budget.

New Business:

Palmer Found in Grant, Sioux and Cass Counties: Merlin stated that in these three counties, Palmer was found. In Grant, we have over 200 acres, mainly in hay ground used for winter feeding, came in from sunflower screenings which came from CHS in Grandin. Merlin has started the landowner on spraying 1 quart Tordon/1 quart Amine/ plus Liberate at 1 quart/100 gallons water. We will see how that turns out. Could have more around, depending on who fed screenings. In Cass County, they found numerous plants by the Grandin Plant.

NDSU Extension Report: Tessa said that there will again be a Grant County Ag Day, October 8th in Carson, at the fair building. There will be a youth program in the morning followed by speakers. Hal Weiser will speak on soil ph., Janna Block will speak on feed rations/testing hay, will have Joe Grimson speak on honey production. This Friday, there will be a coffee chat in Carson at the Rock Ridge Bar. Kevin Sedivic will be speaking. Merlin will also speak briefly on Palmer Amaranth.

Cost Share Ad: The cost share ad will be run in the official paper for 2 weeks with the October 15 deadline.

Chemical Prices for 2022 and bids: Merlin stated that he has heard that chemical prices could be significantly higher in 2022. He asked the board what their opinion was, buy extra for going into 2022. There could also be spot shortages in 2022. The consensus of the board was to leave it up to Merlin to get extra chemical. Merlin also stated that we will definitely need to rebid the chemical in 2022.

Other? None

Next meeting: October 26th, in Carson at 7:00 pm

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Leonard Gerhardt, President