

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

October 16, 2018

President Jeff called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members Present: Morris Haase, Jeff Dahners, Eddy Ulrich, Dick Woodbury, Denis Tibor, Leonard Gerhardt, Matt Neiderman and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$59,643.02 in bank before tonight's transactions.

Eddy moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the following bills: Cenex Fleet Card - gas - \$211.94, Milts - 2 windows. - \$524.00, Nutrien Ag Services - chemical - \$13,711.35, Visa - RV Antifreeze - \$52.15, Florian Zins - cost share - \$149.50, US Post Office - stamps - \$100.00, Merlin Leithold - mileage - \$111.18, Board member salaries - \$3212.89. Total bills \$18,073.01. Leonard seconded the motion. **M/C** Receipts for tonight, \$1,661.50

Old Business:

Spraying Update: Merlin gave a spraying update. Dakota Helicopter did not spray for us this year. Had every excuse each time. Now it's too late. Discussion on whether we should continue that program. Would be nice to get local people, but insurance they would need to carry would be cost prohibitive. Merlin also was in contact with David Stockert from Lemmon. He said he would spray, but never brought his equipment up the day he was to do so, and never heard from him again. Merlin also shut the spraying off after the hard freeze. Merlin did not finish all the roads. Only had a few secondary roads left. 2 to 3 days would have finished them. Highways were ugly again this year, especially Hwy 21. County roads were better overall from last year. Some spots were ugly.

Budget update: Merlin went to the public hearing and there was no opposition to our budget at the hearing. Our budget passed as we presented it. There were some concerns after the hearing from Myles Stoller about spraying state highways. He stated that at the Octoberfest, numerous individuals expressed to him their concerns about me spraying the state highways, while the county roads wait. Can't make him realize that there are landowners along the state highways as well, that pay taxes just like the others.

New Business:

NDWCA Conference: The NDWCA convention is January 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2019 at the Ramada in Bismarck. The association pays for Merlin's room and registration as part of his salary with them. Morris moved to cover additional per diem not covered by the association for Merlin, and pay for registration and per diem for any board member willing to go, Leonard seconded the motion. **M/C**

KFYR Ag Day Booth: Denis moved to pay for Merlin's per diem to work one day at the KFYR Ag Day booth in Bismarck, either Feb 12 or 13. Eddy seconded the motion. **M/C**

Ag Day: Leonard moved to have a booth at the Grant County Ag. Day in 2019, Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

Wide World of Weeds: Matt moved to pay for the registration fees and per diem for Merlin to attend the Wide World of Weeds Workshop in January in Fargo. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

Palmer Amaranth & Houndstongue: Merlin brought up that Palmer Amaranth will be a noxious weed and Houndstongue will be as well. We need to remove Houndstongue from our county noxious weed list. Denis moved to remove Houndstongue from our county noxious weed list, Leonard seconded the motion. **M/C**

Approval to pay bills and late cost share: Dick moved that we allow late cost share until yearly cut off, and to allow Merlin pay bills during the winter, Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Board member terms: Jeff and Matts' terms are up. Both agreed to stay on the board if reappointed, for four more years. Morris moved to have Merlin send a letter to the county commissioners asking them to reappoint Jeff and Matt for another term, Eddy seconded the motion. **M/C**

Other Business: None e current bid last spring, for two years. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

Next meeting - March 19th - 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting

Leonard moved to adjourn the meeting, Denis seconded the motion. **M/C** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Merlin Leithold, Acting Secretary

Jeff Dahners, President