

Grant County Weed Board Meeting  
October 17, 2017

resident Jeff called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Members Present: Morris Haase, Jeff Dahners, Eddy Ulrich, Dick Woodbury, Denis Tibor, Leonard Gerhardt and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Leonard moved to approve the secretary's report, as presented, Eddy second, M/C.

Treasurer's Report. We have \$52,697.54 in bank before tonight's transactions.

Dick moved to accept the treasurer's report and to pay the following bills: Cenex Fleet Card - gas - \$315.96, Elgin True Value - RV antifreeze. - \$63.81, CPS - chemical - \$17,559.35, Hertz Bros - building maintenance - \$23.49, Clayton Zacher - cost share - \$366.60, Florian Zins - cost share - \$149.50, Visa - truck supplies - \$26.57, Board member salaries - \$2,911.15. Total bills \$21,389.86. Morris seconded the motion. M/C  
Receipts for tonight, \$3,764.58

Old Business: Merlin gave a spraying update. MidDakota did not spray for everyone who asked. Between wind and starting late and long weekends contributed to this. A couple backed out because of it getting late. Merlin also shut the spraying off after the hard freeze. Merlin finished all the roads at least once. Not too many twice. 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. There were some concerns before the hearing from one individual, but they were addressed prior to the hearing. Our budget passed as presented. Merlin mentioned about spraying the trees and around bridges, as this was discussed after the hearing. The board had no concerns with spraying grass killer by bridges, as long as all parties are compensated for chemical and labor. The tree spraying issue will be discussed again in the spring.

Merlin said that the spray tower will be put on starting tomorrow in Dickinson at Pump Systems. Could take a couple of days. Merlin will be helping.

New Business: The NDWCA convention is January 7, 8, 9 & 10 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. Morris also included in his motion to have a booth at the county ag day next year, and to pay the per diem for Merlin to watch the KFYP booth one day, either Feb. 6 or 7 in Bismarck. Leonard seconded the motion. M/C

Dick moved that we allow late cost share until November 15, and to allow Merlin pay bills during the winter, Eddy seconded the motion. M/C

Denis and Leonards' terms are up. Both agreed to stay on the board if reappointed, for four more years.

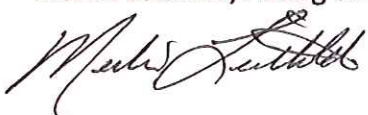
Morris moved to have Merlin send a letter to the county commissioners asking them to reappoint Denis and Leonard for another term, Dick seconded the motion. M/C

With milestone prices increasing, we need to adjust our chemical bid for 2017 and 2018. Since it is government agency priced, all distributors have the same price. Leonard moved to change the bid to reflect the new price, and not rebid next spring as long as there are no changes, according to how we approved the current bid last spring, for two years. Denis seconded the motion. M/C

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, Denis seconded the motion. M/C Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next meeting - March 20<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting

Merlin Leithold, Acting Secretary

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Jeff Dahners, President

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