

**Grant County Weed Board Meeting
April 17th, 2018**

President Jeff called meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. Members Present: Jeff Dahners, Matt Neiderman, Leonard Gerhardt, Eddy Ulrich, Dick Woodbury, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase and Merlin Leithold, weed officer. Guests tonight are Shawn & Diana Morten with Dakota Helicopter from Beulah

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$99,030.09 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$569.24
Bills presented – Merlin Leithold – per diem - \$422.24, US Postal Service – stamps - \$147.00
Leonard moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills. Morris seconded the motion. M/C

Old Business:

Meeting with Commissioners: Merlin, along with Eddy, Leonard and Morris met with the County Commissioners on April 4, concerning spraying trees and bridges. As a result of the meeting, Merlin will spray cut off trunks as needed, and will continue to spray seedlings on shoulders. They will pay Merlin \$15/hr. for labor to spray the bridges in May. They will also pay for the special chemical needed through the weed board. The truck and those expenses. Dick moved to accept those terms with the county commissioners for only this year. We will then look at it again before next year to make adjustments where needed. Matt seconded the motion. M/C

Chemical fill tank: Merlin checked with Pump Systems in Dickinson, and the cost for a 20 gallon tank set up would be around \$300 to \$400. Merlin will be taking the truck up anyway possibly next week. Merlin explained that we can get a TAG grant from the state to offset the price as well. Leonard moved to purchase a tank fill system and have it put together. Eddy seconded the motion. M/C

New Business:

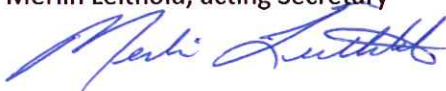
Contract Sprayers and rates for 2018: Shawn Morten discussed with the board his company. They have a couple of ground rigs with boomless nozzles and a couple of helicopters for larger areas. They have been doing some around Lake Tschida. If they are spraying with ground equipment they get \$110/hour. By helicopter, they charge \$25/acre. They can also charge by the acre on the ground at \$20/acre. The weed board furnishes the chemical. They would provide maps to Merlin when jobs are completed. Merlin would coordinate with Shawn where to spray.
Merlin said that he had an inquiry from David Stockert from Lemmon. He would charge \$80/hour plus \$2/mile from Lemmon to job site daily, one way. He has a side by side, and a pickup with a hose, possibly would put a boomless nozzle system on it. He does stump grinding and lawn spraying.
Dick moved to hire Dakota Helicopter for 2018 with the above rates. Morris seconded the motion. M/C
The consensus of the board is tell Mr. Stockert that if we have a large volume of spray jobs, we would contact him as well, but for now, and since we only did 50% of the year before, we will use just Dakota Helicopter.

Cost Share for 2018, deadline, limits, and prices: Since the chemical bid was for 2 years, no change took place on the chemicals. Matt moved that we keep the cost share at 65% on Tordon, Plateau, Milestone, and Curtail. Prices would be Tordon \$46/gal., Curtail \$38/gal., Plateau \$98/gal., Milestone \$72/qt., with these to also be the limit for cost share if chemical is purchased from other than the weed board. Gallon limits, Tordon – 30, Curtail – 15, Plateau – 5, and Milestone – 4 gal. Deadline will remain October 15. Other prices include, Amine - \$11/gal., Liberate - \$24/gal., and MSO - \$12/gal. Leonard seconded the motion. M/C

Tires for Spray Truck: Merlin got quotes from two local tire dealers, Al Hummel and Trenton Weekes. On the Firestone brand they were both the same, and on the Michelin, as what is on the truck, Trenton was \$278.50/mounted, Al was \$283.32/mounted. Trenton also bid a Toyo M55 for \$264.50/mounted. Merlin said that we can also use the TAG grant for tires, as long as they are on spray equipment. Dick moved to purchase 6 tires from Trenton. Eddy seconded the motion. M/C

Dick moved to adjourn the meeting, Denis seconded the motion. M/C Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Merlin Leithold, acting Secretary



Jeff Dahners, President

