

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

March 19th, 2019

Vice President Eddy Ulrich called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Members Present: Eddy Ulrich, Matt Neiderman, Denis Tibor, Morris Haase, Drew Gaugler and Merlin Leithold, weed officer. Also in attendance was Bill Walker, Nutrien Solutions area representative.

Merlin stated that Matt Neiderman has been reinstated on the weed board for a four year term. Drew Gaugler has taken Jeff Dahners place on the board for a four year term. Welcome Drew!

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

Treasurer's Report: We have \$119,639.69 in the bank before bills. Bills presented tonight, Office Depot – office supplies - \$225.85 and Merlin Leithold – per diem - \$740.20 for total of \$966.05. Morris moved to accept the report and pay the bills. Drew seconded the motion, **M/C**.

Old Business:

Convention Update: Merlin gave a brief update from the past NDWCA Convention, held January 7-10 at the Ramada in Bismarck. We have two new state noxious weeds, Houndstongue and Palmer Amaranth.

Ag Shows: Corteva formerly Dow again sponsored the booth for KFVR Agri-International. Merlin watched the booth on Wednesday. Real good attendance this year. The Grant County Ag Show was held in New Leipzig on March 5. Poor attendance due to the weather. May have another on this fall, and then switch to the fall in following years.

New Business:

Reorganization of the board: Eddy turned the meeting over to Merlin who then asked for nominations for President. Merlin nominated Eddy. Morris also nominated Dick. No other nominations. Morris moved that nominations cease and Matt seconded it. **M/C**. Eddy had the majority of votes. Congratulations Eddy.

Merlin asked for nominations for Vice – President. Morris nominated Dick. No other nominations. Matt moved that nominations cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dick. Eddy seconded the motion. **M/C** Congratulations Dick.

Merlin then turned the meeting over to Eddy.

After some discussion, and the lack of someone from the auditor's office attending the meetings and taking the minutes, Morris moved to appoint Merlin, who has been our acting secretary for over a year, as secretary. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Chemical Bids: Merlin opened and read and then passed around the only bid received. That was from Nutrien Solutions, formerly CPS. They have had our bid for several years.

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Amine (Platoon)	\$10.60/gal
Tordon22K	\$42.44/gal – 1 or 2 ½ gal containers
Liberate	\$22/gal in 2 ½ & \$24/gal in 1 gal containers
MSO (Regular)	\$11.60/gal
MSO (w/Lecitech)	\$12.20/gal
Plateau	\$100.10/gal
Curtail	\$38.80/gal
Milestone	\$70.75/quart
Recycle Jugs	Yes

Merlin asked if Nutrien would exchange the MSO we have on hand for the new MSO W/Lecitech. Bill indicated they would, no problem.

Matt moved to accept the bid from Nutrien Solutions with the better MSO. Morris seconded the motion. **M/C**

Annual Report: Merlin went over the annual report. Denis moved to accept the report, Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Contract Sprayers: Merlin ran the ad in both the Grant County News and the Eido for 2 weeks. No inquires. Merlin explained that even though sprayers carry insurance, we can still be held liable because they are hired by the weed board. After some discussion, Matt moved that we keep a directory of sprayers for landowners to contact on their own, to have spraying done. Denis seconded the motion. **M/C**

Merlin will work with landowners to find sprayers as well. The chemical will be able to be picked up from the weed board as well.

Cost Share & Chemical Prices for 2019: Merlin recommended the following prices:

Cost Share – 65%

Amine - \$11.50/gallon – 2.5 gallon– no cost share and no limit

Tordon - \$44.00/gallon 1's & 2.5 gallon - 30 gallon cost share limit/season

Liberate - \$24.00/gallon 1's and 2.5 gallon – no cost share and no limit

MSO - \$13.00/gallon – 2.5 gallon – no cost share and no limit

Plateau - \$101/gallon – 1's – 5 gallon cost share limit/season

Milestone - \$71.00/quart – quarts – 16 quart cost share limit/season

Curtail - \$39.00/gallon – 2.5 gallon – 15 gallon cost share limit/season/After August 15th only

Matt moved to set the above prices and limits for 2019. Drew seconded the motion. **M/C**

DOT Contract: We have received the contract to be signed for spraying the DOT roads in Grant County in 2019. The limit is at \$9,000. Merlin stated that it's been a few years since we have reached that total. Morris moved to accept the DOT contract for 2019. Matt seconded the motion. **M/C**

Ad for ditches: Merlin will run an ad in the paper when we get closer to spraying, letting landowners know, to where if they have concerns, they can contact Merlin. Merlin does this annually. It also goes in the newsletter.

Next Meeting – April 16th, 8:00 pm, MDT, at the courthouse in Carson.

Denis moved to adjourn the meeting, Drew seconded the motion. M/C
Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Secretary

Eddy Ulrich, President