

## **Grant County Weed Board Meeting**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

President Eddy called meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Members Present: Eddy Ulrich, Dick Woodbury, Leonard Gerhardt, Drew Gaugler, Morris Haase, Denis Tibor and Merlin Leithold, weed officer. Guests were Tessa Keller, NDSU Grant County Extension Agent.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$68,581.99 in account before tonight's bills. Total bills \$13,355.27 and \$1,232.80 in receipt. Bills presented – Cenex Fleet Card - Gas - \$263.97, Nutrien Solutions – chemical - \$12,808.90, Kupper – oil change - \$64.64, Merlin Leithold – per diem - \$217.76.

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

### **Old Business:**

**Spraying Report:** Merlin gave a spraying report. Randy Lyons crew sprayed a majority of the landowners. Some they did not get done. Weather played a big factor. As far as road spraying, should be able to get the roads sprayed as long as the weather holds. Did spray the Shields area west of Hwy 31. Did not get that completed last year. Besides the northwest corner of the county, roads left have mainly spots of Canada thistle in past years.

**Nebraska Palmer Amaranth Tour:** Learned a lot. Quite the mess in Nebraska where the tour took place. 4 days of intense training really paid off. Merlin showed pictures from that trip.

**Security Camera Update:** Merlin said that his son Justin would be willing to do it under our \$300 budget limit. Will install after the phone line is installed. Haven't heard on that yet.

**Credit Card Update:** Working with Sara in the Auditor's office. She is trying to get cards for all departments. Nothing to report as of now.

### **New Business:**

**Palmer Amaranth Found in Grant County:** Merlin informed the board of the Palmer Amaranth that was found in the county. Also, one plant was crossed with Waterhemp. Merlin said how frustrated he was that the dealer refused to work with him, telling Merlin who he sold Millet seed to. Merlin heard that the State Seed Department inspected the dealer. Good discussion on the issue. One board member stated that the name of the farmer where it was found, has been heard on the street. Merlin stated that he would not disclose who has it, and if what has been heard on the street is accurate. Official protocol states that the name cannot be given out, even by the farmer.

**Waterhemp on the county noxious weed list:** - Merlin asked the board to consider adding Waterhemp on our county noxious weed list. Tessa Keller agreed with Merlin that it would be a good idea to add it, since a cross plant was found. Merlin stated that with it on the list, it allows him to check a field if he suspects it to contain Waterhemp. Merlin explained that to add it, the board must vote in favor with a simple majority. If passed tonight, then he would officially ask Tessa for her input, come back to the October meeting for public input and a final vote. Denis moved to begin the process to add Waterhemp to the Grant County Noxious Weed List. Dick seconded the motion. **M/C**

**Change Meeting Date:** The October meeting will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> instead of the 15<sup>th</sup>, due to NDWCA Area Meetings.

**Cost Share Ad:** Merlin will run adds in the Grant County News and the Eido for Oct. 15 deadline for cost share.

**Next Meeting – October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.