

Weed Board
Secretary Report
March 23, 2022

The Grant County Weed Board met on March 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room. The meeting was called to order by David Kruger. Present were David Kruger, Joel O'Brien, Tom Wollschalger, Sara Koepke, Paul Johnson, Steve Molengraaf, Jeremiah Phelps, Keith Goeng, and Nathan Mueller. Secretary's report was reviewed. Motion to approve by O'Brien, seconded by Wollschalger, motion passed. Nathan Mueller, Grant County Weed Supervisor presented a copy of the 2021 financial summary to board members. Total weed budget is \$112,000.00; \$25,000.00 budgeted for weed control chemicals. For 2022, he received \$4,580 mosquito grant, \$6,000 pocket gopher grant, \$22,340 DOT spraying. O'Brien moved to accept budget information, seconded by Wollschalger.

Old Business:

Mueller reported that he sprayed 11 townships last year, including Adams, Alban, Big Stone, Georgia, Grant Center, Madison, Melrose, Stockholm, Twin Brooks, Troy, Vernon, and state right-aways. He covered 3,708.5 miles, spraying 2-4D and Tordon. The township spraying rate is \$66, plus chemical. For 2022, he has received commitment forms from Adams, Alban, Big Stone, Grant Center, Kilborn, Madison, Stockholm, Twin Brooks, Troy, and Vernon.

Paul Johnson, SDSU Extension Weed Coordinator reported on noxious weed control in pastures and rangelands. Jeremiah Phelps, SDANR reported on weeds on the state and noxious weed list. The district meeting was held in Redfield and state meeting was held in Huron.

New Business:

Paul Johnson, SDSU Extension Weed Coordinator reported there will be no changes to Dicamba use but expect changes in 2023. He showed the board a map where Palmer Amaranth is located and pointed out there are no reports in Grant County. The outliers throughout the state that have Palmer Amaranth are from various incidents. He shared chemical ratings on noxious weeds in Grant County such as leafy spurge and Canada thistle. Jeremiah Phelps, SDANR reported on biocontrol operations being used to control noxious weed. He said using biocontrol helps where we may not be able to get to. He shared agents that are being released and collected to control noxious weeds.

The board received the locally noxious weed list. The declared the following locally noxious weeds – Musk-Plumeless Thistle, Bull Thistle, Common Burdock, and Spotted Knapweed. The motion was made by O'Brien to accept the following noxious weeds, seconded by Wollschlager. Motion passed.

Nathan proposed a new spray truck to the Weed Board. He explained his current truck has many deficiencies to be efficient in spraying. He proposed a \$20,000 towards a new spray truck that will feature an 800-gallon tank. O'Brien made a motion to approve the purchase of a new spray truck, seconded by Wollschlager.

David Kruger will remain as chairman of the Grant County Weed Board. Joel O'Brien will serve as vice chairman.

Wollschlager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. O'Brien seconded. Motion passed.