**WEED CONTROL BOARD MEETING**

**DECEMBER 13, 2021**

**MEETING TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Cass County Weed Control Board was called to order at 9:02am on Monday, December 13, 2021, in the Weed Control office building.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Larry Wilcox, Clayton Brennan, George Grossman, Ken Hagen and Marty Murch.

Also present were Stanley Wolf, Cass County Weed Control Officer and Sarah Heinle, Cass County Accountant.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Murch seconded to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, November 8, 2021. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA, order Amended**

***MOTION, passed.***

**Mr. Hagen moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded to approve the agenda to include Noxious Weed Task Force under New Business.**

1. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BILLS**

Accountant Sarah Heinle provided documents for November 2021 financial statements and check registers.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Hagen seconded to approve November 2021 financial statements and bills. Motion carried.**

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Election of Officers for 2022:** The chair and vice chair officers are elected for a one-year term

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Murch moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded Mr. Larry Wilcox as Chairman and Mr. Ken Hagen as Vice Chairman.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **2022 Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Wolf reviewed the meeting schedule for 2022.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Murch moved, and Mr. Hagen seconded approve the 2022 meeting schedule as discussed with no changes.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **2022 Spray Contracts:** The right-of-way spray contracts have expired and contractors need to be selected for the 2022 and 2023 weed control seasons. Due to possible delays and supply issues, many products are on allocation, which means contractors are only going to hold so much in their warehouses. Price could affect availability. With unknown supply and prices, it is yet to be determined if a contractor will need to rebid. Some, but not all contractors agree on using pricing based on ‘cost plus’ where Cass County would be billed the cost at the end of the season. Contractors are agreeable to doing bid a month earlier in February; this will hopefully put the contactors at the top of the list in getting products.

A question from the board was what if only ½ supply is available. Mr. Wolf said that he would have to prioritize where spraying would take place.

This is tabled until more can be further investigated by the next meeting.

1. **Noxious Weed Taskforce:** The ND Ag Commissioner, Doug Goehring, is developing a Noxious Weed Task Force to determine ways to best manage and control noxious weeds throughout the state. The members are to include county weed officers, North Dakota State University research and Extension officials, members from commodity groups, agriculture associations, grain elevators, and agronomists.

Mr. Wolf is asking the board members for permission to attend the meeting.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Murch seconded to approve Mr. Wolf to attend the Noxious Weed Taskforce meetings.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NDWCA Conference January 5-7, 2022, Bismarck

Wide World of Weeds Workshop TBA, Fargo

Soil and Soil/Water Workshop TBA, Fargo

Ornamental & Turf recertification Feb 25, Harwood

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41am.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Shasky, Principal Secretary, Highway Department