**WEED CONTROL BOARD MEETING**

**november 8, 2021**

**MEETING TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Cass County Weed Control Board was called to order at 8:54am on Monday, November 8, 2021, in the Weed Control office building.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Murch moved, and Mr. Hagen seconded to approve the meeting minutes from Monday, October 11, 2021. Motion carried.**

**AGENDA, Order approved**

***MOTION, passed.***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Hagen seconded to approve the agenda order.**

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

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

***MOTION, passed***

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

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Landowner Assistance:** The Landowner Assistance Program provides a partial reimbursement for noxious weed control on non-crop and non-CRP lands to landowners/operators in Cass County. The reimbursement rate is 80% of approved herbicides plus $3.50/acre for application. Ten county landowners/operators submitted applications for controlling noxious weeds on 589 acres. The total of all reimbursements is $7947.38.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Murch seconded approve the nine Landowner Assistance Payments for a total amount of $7947.38.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **NDWCA Conference:** The NDWCA’s annual conference is scheduled to be held on January 4 to 7, 2022 in Bismarck. The Ag Commissioner’s Weed Forum on January 5 will cover noxious weed topics and programs provided by the ND Dept. of Agriculture. The NDWCA conference will include its annual business meeting along with various speakers covering numerous topics related to noxious weed control. Conference registration is $150.00 (per attendee) for early registration. Motel room is $84.60/night.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Murch moved, and Mr. Hagen seconded approve registration, travel, and motel expenses to attend Ag Commissioners Weed Forum and NDWCA conference for Mr. Wolf and any board members wishing to attend.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **NDWCA membership**: Membership in the NDWCA will expire after the annual conference. Membership affords voting rights for NDWCA business, one vote for each member. Membership renewal is $275.00.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Murch seconded approve NDWCA membership renewal and assign Mr. Wolf as the voting member.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **Benefit Auction**: The Education Committee will hold a benefit auction with proceeds going to education expenses such as the spring sprayer schools for weed officers and sprayer staff. Attendees are asked to contribute items for the auction. The board has approved funds to purchase items for the auction in previous years.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Murch moved, and Mr. Brennan seconded approve up to $75.00 to purchase items for the NDWCA Education Committee auction.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **Certified Crop Advisor:** Mr. Wolf’s American Society of Agronomy’s Certified Crop Advisor registration is up for renewal. NDSU Extension provides training sessions and continuing education credit hours, usually at no cost, which are credited toward the CCA. The board has previously paid for the certification renewals and registration expenses for day long workshops. Daylong workshops include the Wide World of Weeds Workshop and the Soil and Soil/Water workshops. Registration costs for these two workshops are unknown at this time but have run about $100.00 each. The CCA renewal cost is $110.00.

***MOTION, passed***

**Mr. Brennan moved, and Mr. Hagen seconded approve $110.00 to renew Mr. Wolf’s Certified Crop Advisor certification and upcoming registration expenses for day long workshops.**

**Motion carried.**

1. **Employee Evaluation:** Mr. Wolf’s annual performance review is due. The members were given a copy of Mr. Wolfs comments. Mr. Wilcox will add any additional comments and sign the review.
2. **Palmer Amaranth Plan:** Mr. Wolf spoke about new infestations of Palmer amaranth found in North Dakota as noted at last month’s board meeting. Palmer Amaranth has been on the Noxious Weed list in North Dakota since 2019. The NDWCA is asking county weed boards if they have an action plan if Palmer amaranth is found in their county. The Association would like to receive the plans for a discussion at the conference.
3. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wahpeton Expansion Pipeline Project Nov 16, Kindred

Northern Ag Expo Nov 30 – Dec 1, Fargo

Commercial Pesticide applicator recert Dec 1, Fargo

NDWCA Conference January 5-7, 2022, Bismarck

Wide World of Weeds Workshop TBA, Fargo

Soil and Soil/Water Workshop TBA, Fargo

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Minutes prepared by Lisa Shasky, Principal Secretary, Highway Department