

BARNES COUNTY WEED CONTROL BOARD
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2017

Attendance: Jake DeVries, Pat Hansen, Jamen Windish, Derek Bruns, Cindy Schwehr, Lloyd Wieland. Dave Vareberg, Mark Schlotman

Chairman Derek Bruns called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting were distributed. Lloyd moved to approve the minutes. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Financial reports were presented by Pat Hansen. Jake moved to approve the financial report. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Discussion was held concerning E2. Lloyd stated it worked well around his evergreen trees.
4. Cindy reported on the County budget. 3.98 mills were levied for the weed board. It can be used to get the equipment necessary to assist in spraying townships and to spray the townships. Jamen presented the additional needs in the budget request.
5. Jamen provided information concerning a complaint from Chad Wendel concerning his beans. He was 40 past the deadline to notify us of his damage. It is very unlikely that our sprayers could have done that kind of damage. Jamen called the reserve fund and sent them pictures. Samples were taken by the State but results won't be in for a few months. Jamen questioned if we should take our own samples also. The consensus of the Board was to go with what the State determines.
6. Jamen reported on a thistle test plot. Jamen would like to spray different chemicals side by side to see what works the best. Jamen will talk to the landowner and see if he can get permission to do it. Dave moved to allow Jamen to go ahead with the project. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Jamen asked about cost share on CRP. He thought if we did some cost share it would encourage landowners to have better control. Discussion was held. He suggested a possible 50/50 and cap it at \$500. The issue was tabled until a later meeting. Jamen will investigate further.
8. Jamen reported that some maintenance will need to be done the trailer and on wiring in the vehicles. Jamen would do the work and would need to purchase the materials.
9. Jamen reported that if we purchase Milestone and Opensight now there is a discount. The price is going up 3% in October. Lloyd moved to go with the purchase now and contact the commission and CPS regarding payment. Jake seconded the motion. Motion carried.
10. The next meeting will be held December 13, 2017. It will be a breakfast meeting.
11. Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hansen, Secretary