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## PEMBINA COUNTY WEED BOARD

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April 16, 2024

12:00 PM

Pembina County Weed Board met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse for the annual meeting. Chairperson Cull called the meeting to order at 12:24 PM.

Roll call: Jim Benjaminson, Laverne Doyle, Blaine W. Papenfuss, Darin Otto, and Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

Motion made by Laverne Doyle and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the agenda as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Benjaminson and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to approve the February 21, 2023 minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Diemert stated there were 4938 acres of roadside ditches sprayed in 2023. There were 1,521 acres of county roads, 2,377 acres of township roads and 1,040 acres of federal and state highways sprayed this season. This is an increase of over 600 acres from the 2022 season. The final invoice amount was \$190,000.00. Pembina County has received full reimbursement, in the amount of \$40,000.00, from the state for spraying of the federal and state roads during the 2023 season. This is \$30,000.00 under the budget for the contractor and chemical budget for 2023.

Ms. Diemert discussed the Landowner Assistance Program (LAP). This program allows landowners to apply for up to \$600.00 in reimbursement for controlling weeds on their property. Landowners received \$1,074.40 in reimbursement for the 2022-2023 seasons. Pembina County received \$14,995.43 in LAP grant funding for the 2023–2024 season, leaving a balance of \$13,921.03 in funding from the LAP grant.

The annual Weed survey was completed and submitted to the State for review. The survey allows Pembina County to apply for the Targeted Assistance Grant (TAG), which is used to purchase equipment and supplies. Pembina County was awarded \$7,500.00 in funding for the 2023-2025 season.

Pembina County continues the fight against Leafy Spurge and Canadian Thistle throughout the county. There is an increased infestation of these weeds throughout the state.

Township letters and weed maps have been sent to all townships requesting notification of areas that need to be sprayed, as well as acres that need to be avoided.

Ms. Diemert discussed transferring the weed department four-wheeler to the highway department.

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Laverne Doyle to approve the Weed Department updates as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Motion made by Darin Otto and seconded by Blaine Papenfuss to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 PM.