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PEMBINA COUNTY WEED BOARD

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April 5, 2022

8:00 AM

Pembina County Weed Board met at 8:00 AM in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse with the following members present: Laverne Doyle, Nick Rutherford, Andrew Cull and Samantha Diemert, Weed Officer. Absent: Jim Benjaminson and Dave Moquist. A quorum was declared

Chairperson Rutherford called the meeting to order at 8:10 am.

The following bids were received for the 2022-2024 spraying seasons:
J & J Spraying - \$38.49/acre

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Laverne Doyle to accept the bid from J & J Spraying for the 2022-2024 spraying seasons. Discussion followed. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Samantha stated there were just over 4000 acres of roadside ditches sprayed this past season. There were 1710 acres of county roads, 1,917 acres of township roads and 374 acres of federal and state highways sprayed this season. Pembina County has received full reimbursement from the state for spraying of the federal and state roads.

Samantha 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 \$8,058.59 in reimbursement for the 2020-2021 seasons. Pembina County received \$7,693.96 in LAP grant funding for the 2021-2022 season. To date, landowners have received \$1,768.15 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 spraying equipment. Pembina County was awarded \$5,000.00 in funding for the 2021-2022 season.

Samantha received a complaint in regards to weed spread from unmaintained railways. Samantha contacted Northern Railroad requesting their maintenance

crew resolve the weed issues growing alongside the railway northwest of Cavalier.

Samantha spoke with a landowner in the Walhalla area regarding Leafy Spurge in his pasture. Samantha stated his larger issue is with Russian Pig Weed, which is not a known noxious weed, but is very invasive. Samantha is working closely with NDSU Extension to determine the best approach to deal with this invasive weed.

Samantha received requests for Flea Beetles for leafy spurge, however due to drought there was a shortage on Flea Beetles. Samantha will let the landowners know if Flea Beetles will be available this year. Continued spraying and regular mowing has seemed to help with the eradication of Leafy Spurge and Canadian Thistle in the right of way.

Discussion followed on township weed maps that are sent to all townships with their annual reports. Samantha requested each township notify her of areas to spray and areas that need to be avoided.

Motion made by Nick Rutherford and seconded by Andrew Cull to approve the February 2, 2021 Weed Board Minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Dave Moquist joined the meeting at 8:25 am.

Motion made by Andrew Cull and seconded by Laverne Doyle to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.