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PEMBINA COUNTY WEED BOARD

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April 1, 2025

11:13 AM

Pembina County Weed Board met in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Courthouse for the annual meeting. Chairperson Otto called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM.

Roll call: Patrick Hardy, Scot Becker, Blaine Papenfuss, Darin Otto, and Andrew Cull. A quorum was declared.

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

Motion made Blaine Papenfuss and seconded by Andrew Cull to approve the April 16, 2024 minutes as presented. All voting in favor; motion carried.

Ms. Diemert stated the final invoice for spraying was \$170,010.33 with a \$20,014.80 reimbursement from the state. She stated this was \$50,000.00 under for the contractor and chemical budget for 2024.

Ms. Diemert stated there were 4412 acres of roadside ditches sprayed in 2024. There were 1,508 acres of county roads, 2,389 acres of township roads and 520 acres of federal and state highways sprayed this season. This is a decrease of over 500 acres from the 2023 season. Pembina County has received full reimbursement from the state for spraying of the federal and state roads during the 2024 season.

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 \$4,011.83 in reimbursement for the 2023-2024 seasons. Pembina County received \$14,495.83 in LAP grant funding for the 2023–2025 season, leaving a balance of \$10,983.00 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. She has not spent the grant dollars this year yet.

Pembina County continues the fight against Leafy Spurge, Canadian Thistle and Kochia throughout the county.

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

Motion made by Blaine Papenfuss to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.