

BARNES COUNTY WEED CONTROL BOARD

Regular Meeting

February 13, 2024

Attendance: Jamen Windish, Pat Hansen, Jamie Smith, Pete Paulson, Bob Wieland, Beth Didier, Mark Schlotman

Chairman Jamie Smith called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the December 2023 meeting were distributed. Beth moved to approve the minutes. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Financial reports were reviewed. Beth moved to approve the financial reports. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Discussion was held concerning cost share for this year. The possibility of capping the amount allowed per landowner was discussed. Bob moved to do a 50% cost share on chemical for 2024. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion about the possibility if at some point getting our own drone.
4. Jamen reported on the side-by-side repairs. They finally got a hub and it is being installed. Discussion was held concerning if they should run it or sell it next year. The decision can be made at a later meeting.
5. Jamen reported on projections for the new building. Jamen had preliminary blue prints for the project. The building would have 4 doors so that the heavier Highway Department equipment can enter. The building is 60' x 150'. KLJ will do the foundation design.
6. Jamen reported on the January conference. The State is now going to require GPS coordinates for all LAP payments. It will be very time consuming to look it all up. Tech grants are not being awarded to those who already received funds. There will be grants available for bio control. The resolution to increase the allowable mills that can be levied for weed control up to 8. It will have to be passed during the legislative session. Curtail will no longer be available. The Ag Department drone project will meet in February.
7. Jamen reported that he will need at least one and hopefully two new sprayers this year.
8. Discussion was held concerning chemical bids. Jamen can publish a notice for bids.
9. The next meeting will be held April 9, 2024.
10. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hansen, Secretary