

BARNES COUNTY WEED CONTROL BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024

Attendance: Jamen Windish, Pat Hansen, Jamie Smith, Pete Paulson, Joel Zietz, Beth Didier

Chairman Jamie Smith called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the April 2024 meeting were distributed. Beth moved to approve the minutes. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Financial reports were reviewed. Beth moved to approve the financial reports. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Jamen reported he has hired a sprayer. He lives in Valley City. Justin will be staying with us.
4. Jamen reported on the cost/revenue for the State roads.
5. Bids for the new shop will be accepted until the 16th. The cost per updates is about \$700,000.
6. Jamen presented the proposed budget for 2025. Discussion was held concerning increasing the sprayer wages by \$2 per hour. Zoel moved to increase the part-time seasonal help by \$2 per hour. Beth seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held concerning Justin's wage. Beth moved to give Justin \$1 per hour plus a cost of living if one is given. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Beth moved to give Jamen \$1 per hour plus cost of living if given. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried. Joel moved to approve the preliminary budget presented by Jamen. Beth seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Jamen requested permission for Justin and him to attend the Washburn Symposium.
8. Jamen reported on the status of the proposed mill levy increase bill. It will be tabled until after this legislative session.
9. The Ag Department may send each Weed Board \$1,500 to help increase salaries for Weed Officers as the counties are having a difficult time getting staff.
10. The next meeting will be held July 9, 2024.
11. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hansen, Secretary