

BARNES COUNTY WEED CONTROL BOARD

Regular Meeting
September 25, 2024

Attendance: Jamen Windish, Pat Hansen, Jamie Smith, Joel Zietz, Mark Schlotman, Bob Wieland, Dick Monson

Chairman Jamie Smith called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes of the May and July 2024 meeting were distributed. Mark moved to approve the minutes. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. Financial reports were reviewed. Mark moved to approve the financial reports. Joel seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. Summer help went well. At least one of the sprayers will not be coming back next year.
4. Dick Monson provided information about Purple Loosestrife and Toad Flax. He asked what the policy will be on eradication in an area near his CRP. There is a possibility it could be sprayed with a drone. If it is going to be eradicated the policy needs to be in the minutes. The Board has the authority to implement a policy. Dick stated that it would involve a lot of scouting to find the spots that have spread. Joel questioned if it is even possible to eradicate it. Lengthy discussion was held. Jamen will write a letter to the affected landowners stating what needs to be done. The Board may be able to help with some of the cost. Mark volunteered to go out to Dick's and ride around and look at his maps.
5. Jamen reported on fall spraying. They are doing pretty well.
6. Jamen reported on the cost of getting a safety shower in the event someone gets sprayed with chemical. The cost would be around \$1,200. Bob moved to approve the purchase. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. Joel provided pictures of road ditches in his area where landowners have over sprayed and killed the grass. Warning letters can be sent out but the results are usually not great.
8. The next meeting will be held December 2024.
9. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hansen, Secretary