

## Brookings County Weed & Pest Board Meeting

Brookings's city county Building

520 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 210

Brookings, SD 57006

January 26, 2022

Steve Olson Called the January 26, 2022, Meeting of the Weed & Pest Board to order at 9:30 A.M. Those in attendance were, Steve Olson, Joel Ripley, Misty Moser, and Tim Bauer.

Steve called for any additions or corrections to the agenda to amend, there were none.

Minutes were approved motion made by Joel Ripley and seconded by Tim Bauer.

### **Old Business:**

**ATV** –ATV is in and can be picked up in February. Misty also has a quote for \$1362.00 for a new boomless sprayer and this will come out of the budget.

**Towns and Township meeting** – Misty stated the annual Towns and Township meeting in conjunction with Brookings County Weed Board will be held at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center, on February 14, 2022 @ 10 AM. Packets will be handed out at the meeting.

**Chemical Bid-** Misty stated that the Chemical Bids were opened on January 26, 2022, at 9 A.M. in Suite 100 in the City County Building. Joel Ripley made a motion to accept all bids, Tim Bauer 2<sup>nd</sup>. The board also choose to go with 2,4-D Amine, Hi-Dep or Freelex on account of availability.

**Annual Meeting-** Misty Stated that the annual conference is no longer in Mitchell, SD it is in Huron. The motel in Mitchell was bought out and being turned into apartments. Tim Bauer is going along with to the conference in Huron so that we as a county get the full grant. We will be leaving Tuesday evening back on Friday late afternoon.

### **New Business:**

**Township Spraying 2022-** Joel Ripley made a motion to continue spray program Tim Bauer seconded. Misty brought up that the townships are paying too little for man hours and truck hours, looking at the counties around us we are way below average. The board voted to raise truck hourly rate from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and man hours from \$10.00 to \$20.00. We have never raised this amount. Costs are going up, this is a way to come close to breaking even.

**Gopher Program-** Tim Bauer made a motion to continue the gopher program Joel Ripley seconded.

**Employee-** The board discussed that if we had a total of 3 truck drivers that Misty could deal with the enforcements, and we wouldn't hire a weed enforcement officer.

**Chemical Tank for ATV** – explained in ATV portion of minutes.

**Action to update chemical containment** – Tim made a motion and Joel seconded the motion we will update our chemical containment.

Steve Olson made a motion to adjourn, and Joel Ripley seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M. Next Brookings County Weed Board meeting is February 14, 2022 @ 10:00 AM Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center.