

# MINUTES

## Stark County Weed Control Board

July 31, 2019 10:00 A.M. \ meeting called to order by Ron Obritsch

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### In Attendance

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Leland Brand, JoAnn Hoff, Pete Kuntz, Ron Obritsch, Dwight Schank, Les Simnioniw. Others: Kurt Froelich, Jeremy Jepson, Travis Jepson, Kaye Jessen. Absent: Phillip Messer

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### Call to Order

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Board vice chair Ron called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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### Approval of Minutes

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Minutes from the May 29 meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Leland, second Dwight, mc.

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### Financial Report

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\$243,543.47 is the account balance as of July 30, 2019. Pete moved, second by JoAnn to approve this report, mc.

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### AP Update

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Travis and Kaye reported on the Landowner Assistance Program. 152 applications have been received and 141 participants have picked up their chemical. Travis recounted the number of gallons of each chemical dispersed. Kaye related the financial amounts received for sales of LAP and wholesale chemicals.

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### Report on R-O-W Spraying

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Most county road right-of-ways have been sprayed. The second round will begin shortly to see if any weeds were missed in the first round.

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### Field Day Report

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Jeremy Jepson, Stark County bio-control coordinator, gave a report on the Field Day held on Wednesday, July 26. Ten landowners participated with many others helping them sweep. 47 sites were started by these landowners and 141,000 bugs were distributed. The county also started two insectaries on land owned by Ed Stoltz and Brian Neurohr.

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### Report from Travis

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- Travis and Richard Weisz from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture met with city officials. The city will maintain their own weed board and do weed control in the city.
- We have had instances of insufficient checks issued for cost-share chemical purchases. JoAnn moved that when one insufficient funds check is received from an individual any further business will be on a cash only basis. Pete second, mc.

- Policy needs to be established that our crew wear the type of safety vest recommended, /They do wear the vests but no policy exists. Leland moved, Les second, that the crew wears the ANSI II type R safety vests. MC.
- Pete moved, JoAnn second that the spray crew need to park along the roadway in the same direction a traffic flow, mc.
- It was reported that dirt from the new county building site has been moved to another area. Since this dirt contained noxious weeds the movement of this soil is not lawful.
- The Dickinson Parks and Recreation requested that the county weed crew spray a part of the Patterson Lake area in the spring. Our board members suggested that the Parks and Rec hire commercial sprayers to do the job.

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### Adjournment

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Les made a motion to adjourn, Leland second, mc to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

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### Next Meeting

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Wednesday, September 25, 2019