

MINUTES

Stark County Weed Control Board

September 27, 2023

In Attendance

Mac Hoerner, County Commissioner Paul Clarys, Shelly Ziman, and David Wanner met at the shop. Others present: Travis Jepson, Jo Thompson, Kurt Froelich. Absent: Greg Messer, Les Simnioniw, and Ervin Binstock.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Mac Hoerner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes

Shelly made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13th meeting, second by David. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Financial Report was reviewed, and Dave moved to approve, Shelly seconded. Motion passed.

Board Member Duties

The Weed Board district map was reviewed, and it was advised that members keep an eye out for issues in their respective districts and communicate the Cost Share Program benefits to landowners that have noxious weeds. It's also important to communicate with Travis, so that he can follow up if necessary and document accordingly. If Palmer Amaranth is suspected, it's important that the plant is not disturbed. Contact Travis or Kurt, and they will go out in the county and ID the plant, rather than risk spreading it, by transporting to the office.

Updates

Travis provided an update on the new truck purchase. The Chevy 3500 from Sax will be picked up on 09/28/2023. Pump Systems is starting to source parts for the spray unit and anticipates it to be completed sometime this winter at an estimated cost of \$40,000 that will be paid from the 2024 budget.

Sharing weed identification and control method informational posts on social media with the public about noxious weeds was discussed, with the goal of helping the public be more informed and raising awareness of the Landowner Assistance Program.

Shop Tour

A tour of the shop and a Q & A session about the equipment took place.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Shelly, seconded by Mac, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.