

Brookings County Weed & Pest Board Meeting

Brookings County Resource Center

Brookings SD

January 17, 2017

Steve Olson called the January 17, 2017 meeting of the Brookings County Weed & Pest Board to order at 1:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Steve Olson, Tim Bauer, Randy Meyer, Joel Ripley, and Misty Moser.

Steve Olson called for any additions or corrections to the minutes or agenda, hearing none, minutes were approved.

Two new items were added to the agenda, New Chemical Freelex and the second was Employees.

Old Business

Weed & Pest Conference in Huron SD February 22-24 2017. Tim Bauer is going, other members have other obligations.

Annual Meeting will be with the towns and Townships this year. We have the same speakers and it makes no sense to have two of the same meetings back to back. The meeting date has been set for March 9, 2017 @ the Brookings County Resource Center, Start time is 1 P.M.

Gopher numbers are going up since we started the program in 2004. handout, Info was handed out to board members.

County road spraying expenses for the second run (fall spraying) also a handout.

New Business

Motion to continue spray program- Joel made the motion to continue and Randy seconded. We will continue the spray program for the 2017 spray season.

Chemical Bid coming up and it was discussed to get 2, 4-D amine because of our water aquifer. Misty has looked for new chemicals that are labeled for right of ways but there's no chemical out there.

Recertification-Misty Moser, Mike Andreason, Mitch Lang and Gary Egeberg will be attending a recertification class in Watertown SD on February 3, 2017. This will be our last certification course which is health category.

Motion to continue the gopher program in 2017 year- Randy Meyer made the motion to continue the gopher program, Tim Bauer seconded the motion.

Employees-Misty is planning to hire 1 truck driver and a Weed Enforcement officer for the 2017 spray season. We will have Gary Egeberg, Mitch Lang, Michael Andreason, and Brock Swartos back for the 2017 spray season.

New Chemical Free Lex I am looking further into this because it does not specifically say it is labeled for rights of ways. Only non-cropland use. Also would like to ask opinions of other professionals before I jump in and say we can use this chemical. There is going to be another meeting for this Freelex meeting to be determined.

Next Meeting is March 9, 2017 @ the Brookings County Resource Center @ 1P.M. in conjunction with the Towns and Townships

Meeting Adjourned

Misty Moser, Brookings County Weed and Pest Supervisor