

Brookings County Weed & Pest Board Meeting, Thursday September 14, 2023.

422 Western Ave
Brookings South Dakota 57006

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Steve Olson Called the September 14, 2023, SW section weed tour Meeting of the Weed & Pest Board to order at 3:00 P.M. Those in attendance were Randy Meyer, Steve Olson, Misty Moser, Tim Bauer, and Joel Rippley

Steve called for any additions or corrections to the agenda. there was added District meeting under new business, motion by Joel Rippley to approved and seconded by Steve Olson.

Minutes were approved by Meyer second by Bauer.

Old Business:

DOT- Misty stated that the crew has been done spraying the DOT. Board is glad to see the good progress on weeds this year. Misty will have total bills by the December meeting.

TOWNSHIPS done spraying for spring run. Misty stated that there were 7 townships left to spray for the fall run. 5 townships have paid for the Spring run.

Vehicles- CAN AM was replaced and the weed department has the ATV in their position. 2002 truck replacement misty is going to have estimates by the December meeting for the board to go over. Misty asked the board if we are not using the 1989 ford 1 ton it was used to haul chemicals not used any more, we have chemical delivered. We can surplus this piece of equipment.

EMPLOYEES- Mike and Ben will be going to highway I believe 2nd week in October.

New Business:

Enforcements- land owner finally did something with his land mowed thistles down and baled but thankful this is taken care of. Still working on other landowners around the county. It was discussed to send a letter in the early spring to get the problems areas on radar ahead of the thistles. Misty will have a draft by the December meeting. A drone can be used in areas where landowner can't put a tractor or piece of equipment.

City of Bruce- Bruce ponds are sprayed for cattails with aquatic chemical. We will go back next year in the summer and reapply to the areas that need more control.

Budget- our budget is ok a couple lines are over budget because of repairs on a truck that weren't planned and out of my control. The other line is the utilities same thing cost has gone up since budget.

Building Repair/ rain gutters- Estimate Rykhus-nelson will be doing the repairs estimate handed out. They should be here within 3 weeks or so to complete the job.

Mosquito- hand out from the listserv sight. 35 total cases of west Nile in south Dakota.

District Meeting- Misty asked if there was anyone that would be able to attend. we need 2 people from Brookings County to attend for the grant. The board will let me know when it gets closer to the date.

Adjournment Joel made a motion to adjourn, and Bauer seconded at 5:15 PM

Next Meeting is December 7,2023 @ 1pm City County Government Center Room 221.