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Board of Directors Meeting

June 11, 2009

- 1. Call to order** – The regular meeting of High Plains Weed Management Association was held June 11, 2009 at the Bluffs Business Center. President Jeff Schledewitz called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Board Members present: Jeff Schledewitz, Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Verlin Bruns. Board Members absent: Emily Munter, Mike Marker, Robin Lapaseotes. Others present: Dennis Beyer, Project Manager, Paul Beaver, Field Coordinator, Georgette Jordening and Curtis Cloud, NRCS, Terry Raymer, Garden County Weed, Nick Sanderson, Sioux County, Cris Burks, NDA and Panhandle RC&D Program Assistant Joyce Mick.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** – Verlin Bruns moved to approve the agenda with an addition of adding communications. Seconded by Gerald Davis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Jeff Schledewitz, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 3. Resignation of Emily Munter** – Gerald Davis moved to accept the resignation of Emily Hunter as Vice President of the Board. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Jeff Schledewitz, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – Kay Grote moved to approve the minutes from April 9th and April 22nd. Seconded by Gerald Davis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Jeff Schledewitz, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 5. Treasurer's Report** – The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report, and Bills Paid Report. Verlin Bruns moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, and Bills Paid Report. Seconded by Gerald Davis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Jeff Schledewitz, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



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6. **Bills to be paid** – Gerald Davis moved to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$14223.23. Seconded by Dan Weinreis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Jeff Schledewitz, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

7. **Project Manager Report** – Dennis Beyer reported to the Board that BASF (chemical company) field representative was to fly the river to see how the chemical is working and due to weather conditions he was unable and will have to reschedule at a later date. Dennis did report that there was a good kill. He also updated the Board that the information for IRS was updated and sent back.

Robin Lapaseotes entered the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

8. **Field Coordinator Report** – Paul Beaver reported to the Board that there were fourteen letters sent out and have only heard back from two of them. Contacts for spraying were sent out to the contractors and only heard back from one contractor. Letters went out to landowners and 30 have called back and no regrowth except for one place. On July 16th we have eight applications to start and that 3-4 of those applications have withdrew. Landowners meetings were held in Gering, Oshkosh, Big Springs, and Bridgeport and did not have a good turnout. Currently we have finished four projects and still working on one removal. Discussion was held on regrowth and landowners doing own spraying and how to handle it. The pay scale for spraying re-growth is as follows: (1.) Back Pack/one man - \$35.00 per hour; (2.) 4 Wheel machine/one man - \$56.00 per hour – wand sprayer; (3.) 4 Wheel machine/one man - \$60.00 per hour – Boom sprayer (up to 30 feet); (4.) 4 Wheel machine/two men - \$65.00 per hour; (5.) All other spray machines – negotiate able.

9. **Communications** – Chris Burks encouraged the communications for the landowner's meeting between High Plains Weed Management Association Staff and Superintendent's be person to person to keep better informed, as some may not get their email's or mail.

10. **Old Business**

a. **Weed Watch** - Dennis Beyer informed the Board that the Weed Watch will going out in the next few days and the bill to publish the Weed Watch is \$4700.00.



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b. KNEB Advertising - KNEB advertising is for 5-1-09 through 12-31-09 and they have a link on the web page.

c. Migratory Bird Act - Migratory Bird Act is shut down until July 16th and one property has been inspected and is working on it in Oshkosh. ETF will not pay for the inspection and was decided to shut down due to the risk involved.

d. Department of Ag Letter - Much discussion was held on Department of AG LB 701 money in the amount of \$10767.76 to be returned by June 30, 2009. It was decided to continue working with them and see what specifically they want and try to get the documentation and accountability for them. Gerald Davis moved to re-apply for LB98. Seconded by Owen Walker. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Gerald Davis, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: Jeff Schledewitz. Motion carried.

11. New Business

a. VP Appointment - No volunteers for Vice President from the group. Kay Grote nonmated Gerald Davis for Vice President and nominations ceased. Robin Lapaseotes moved to appoint Gerald Davis as Vice President. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Kay Grote, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: Gerald Davis. Motion carried.

b. Board Training Session – It was decided to have the regular meeting start at 1:00 p.m. and have a short meeting and then start the board training session which will be given by Ron Moore and if approved with Ron’s schedule to advise everyone on the board.

c. Meetings to attend

a. MRWC – June 16-17, 2009 at Spearfish, South Dakota – Dennis and Paul will be attending.

b. Grant Writing – Grant writing workshop at Sturgis, South Dakota – July 13-14, 2009 – Paul will be attending

c. Wyoming Water Tour – July 21-22, 2009 – Dennis will be attending- Discussion was held on this and Dennis informed the Board that he paid his own way of \$140.00.

d. NAWMA - September 21-24, 2009 at Kearney



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Gerald Davis and Kay Grote exited the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Chris Kaiser moved to approve the attendance at these meetings and to reimburse Dennis Beyer of \$140.00 if he can be a guest speaker and promote High Plains Weed Management. Seconded by Verlin Bruns. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

12. Next Meeting time and date – The next meeting will be held July 9, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bluffs Business Center.

13. Adjournment – Verlin Bruns moved to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. Seconded by Dan Weinreis. ROLL CALL: AYES: Chris Kaiser, Dan Weinreis, Jeff Schledewitz, Owen Walker, Robin Lapaseotes, Verlin Bruns. NAYS: None. Motion carried.