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Board of Directors

September 15, 2011

- 1. Call to order** – The regular meeting of High Plains Weed Management Association was held September 15, 2011 at 1517 Broadway, Suite 101. President Jeff Schledewitz called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. Board member present were: Jeff Schledewitz, Casper Corfield, Owen Walker, Harold Winkelman, Mike Marker. Absent: Dan Weinreis, and Robin Lapaseotes. Staff present: Jered Eskam, Field Coordinator and Joyce Mick, HPWMA Operations Coordinator.
- 2. Approval of Agenda** – Mike Marker moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Casper Corfield. ROLL CALL: AYES: Harold Winkelman, Jeff Schledewitz, Mike Marker, Owen Walker Casper Corfield. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from July, 2011** – Owen Walker moved to approve the minutes for the July 14, 2011. Seconded by Mike Marker. ROLL CALL: AYES: Harold Winkelman, Jeff Schledewitz, Mike Marker, Owen Walker, Casper Corfield. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Treasurer's Report for July and August** – Mike Marker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for July and August. Seconded by Owen Walker. ROLL CALL: AYES: Harold Winkelman, Jeff Schledewitz, Mike Marker, Owen Walker, Casper Corfield. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 5. Approve of Bills to be Paid** – Mike Marker moved to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$3,296.20. Seconded by Casper Corfield. ROLL CALL: AYES: Harold Winkelman, Jeff Schledewitz, Mike Marker, Owen Walker, Casper Corfield. NAYS: None. Motion carried.
- 6. Field Coordinator Report** – Jered Eskam informed the Board about the bid for Teresa Clause, north of Bridgeport for 2 acres for second year of spraying. Morrill County's bid is \$90.00 and Robin Rust is \$130.00. The landowner prefers Morrill County, but their insurance needs updated, that will be done before Morrill County starts spraying. Much discussion was





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held on a business or Counties competing against a private contractor and it was decided to discuss each one as it appears.

Harold Winkelman moved to approve the bid for Morrill County for \$90.00 to spray Clause's property. Seconded by Mike Marker. ROLL CALL: AYES: Harold Winkelman, Jeff Schledewitz, Mike Marker, Owen Walker, Casper Corfield. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Insight Creative as to where we want to go, who is going to be our audience, what kind of video. She has some footage and she would like some on Salt Cedar before and after, plus get some footage of spraying and do it now and then do it a year later to see how the chemical works. Anything more will cost HPWMA and she wants to know if HPWMA is willing to do another \$5,000.00 video. Mike Marker suggested backing off and maybe looking at it as the need arises and then determine the audience. She also has footage of Storm doing work and if the need arises she can break that footage out and make a video.

Lane Darnell has been approved as a contractor for HPWMA and has agreed to put in 25% of his own money for his project. He has not been in to sign his contract agreement and he will have to buy chemical from us. Lane plans to do the job this fall. Some discussion was held on this project and how it was handled and since HPWMA is committed at this point will discuss the next project that happens like this one.

The chemical is almost gone HPWMA had in stock 7 products and we have sold out of 3 completely and have 4 left. The shelf life of this chemical is good. The Board decided to send out a reminder on what we have left to sell, maybe this will help get rid of it. It was brought to the Board that we did purchase a permit from the Department of AG for resale of this chemical.

Jered Eskam reminded the Board about responding to his emails for approval of jobs as he is getting hardly any reply from the Board members. It was suggested that he keeps emailing and the Board would like a recommendation as to which bid would be the best and is within the guidelines and are the rates acceptable.

The Weed Watch is going to be coming out as they have been delivered.





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HPWMA Update - Joyce Mick informed the Board that we were granted an extension for grant 08-102 Nine Mile Creek Invasive Species through December 31, 2011. She is working on the closure narrative for grant 08-118 for North Platte River Invasive Species Project.

Storm Update – the lawsuit has been served in Lancaster County and NET, HPWMA and the President Jeff Schledewitz are being sued.

No news on the Beth Everett's claim.

Mike Marker informed the Board that RC&D approve a raise for Joyce Mick retroactive back to March.

Casper Corfield asks if we know that we do not have a quorum to please let the Board members know so that they don't travel to Scottsbluff.

The meeting adjourned.





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