

Weed Board
Secretary Report
April 6, 2023

The Grant County Weed Board met on April 6, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Grant County 4-H Complex. The meeting was called to order. Present were Sara Koepke, Paul Johnson, Eric Jones, Steve Molengraaf, Darren Petersen, and Nathan Mueller. Secretary's report was reviewed. Nathan Mueller, Grant County Weed Supervisor presented a copy of the 2022 financial summary to board members. Total weed budget is \$117,589.00; \$35,500.00 budgeted for weed control chemicals. For 2022, he received \$4,890.60 mosquito grant, \$5,100 pocket gopher grant, \$21,070 DOT spraying.

Brenda Sievers, South Dakota Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources Plant Industry Program Manager, joined remotely to present to the Grant County Weed Board on who is responsible for controlling the right-aways.

Old Business:

Mueller reported that he sprayed 11 townships last year, including Adams, Alban, Big Stone, Georgia, Grant Center, Madison, Melrose, Stockholm, Twin Brooks, Troy, Vernon, and state right-aways. He covered 3,555.5 miles, spraying 2-4D and Tordon.

Mueller presented the notice from the paper of declared noxious weeds from what the board had passed. He also shared an image of his new spray truck he purchased that the board approved last year.

New Business:

Paul Johnson, SDSU Extension Weed Coordinator introduced Eric Jones. Jones will be the new Extension Weed Management Coordinator as Johnson is retiring.

Mueller shared updates – an SD DOT bid was sent for spraying and pocket gopher poisoning. The 2023 Weed Conference will be held in Spearfish.

The meeting adjourned.