

MANDAN WEED BOARD
MANDAN CITY HALL BUILDING
VETERANS CONFERENCE ROOM
January 13, 2016

The Mandan Weed Board met in the Veterans Conference Room on January 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. In attendance: Joe Camisa, Justin Froseth, Mike Zerr & Nancy Moser.

Absent: Fire Chief Nardello and Jeff Wright

1. NDWCA Conference update.

Joe gives an overview of the North Dakota Weed Control Association Conference. There were approximately 180 people in attendance. Joe thinks there are 7 municipalities in the state with a weed board. Mandan was the only city that had a representative at the conference and they asked Mandan to join the Weed Control Association. The city can join as a non-voting member or, for a larger fee, a voting member. Justin thinks the city should join as a voting member.

Joe and Jeff are trying to find money for weed control in the ground maintenance fund. They are discussing creating a line item for the 2017 budget. Mike says it cost him \$90 to get 4 of his staff the certification materials.

2. New EPA Regulations.

The number of class hours is going to double. A total of 12 hours dedicated for core material. The tests will no longer be open book. The EPA is going to start doing the yearly reviews instead of the ND Ag Department.

Joe figures there is going to be an increase in cost for training material and travel. He may have to travel to Dickinson or Minot in February. ND has an 85% compliance rate for EPA regulations. The NDWCA does not support the EPA changes.

Justin motions to recommend Joe's letter to City Commission for approval. Mike seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Preliminary Bid discussion.

The next meeting will approve advertisement for bids. Joe wants a draft of the bid sent to him. Contractors should be contacted to increase the pool of bidders.

Justin motions to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Joe seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Strategies for next summer.

Joe plans on releasing bugs. The SW part of town, by Keidels, is bad with leafy spurge. Mike says their problem area is in the NW part of town. A public notice on the release of bugs should be published. Maybe in the Mandan Messenger.

Meeting adjourns at 10:40 a.m.