

**PLATTE VALLEY WEED MANAGEMENT AREA
MINUTES**

The PVWMA meeting was held on May 3, 2024, at 10:30 am at the Headwaters Corp. office, Kearney, NE.

In attendance were Rob Schultz (Hall/Howard Co), Jim Carlson (Polk Co), Mitch Dzingle (Sherman Co), Glen Thieman (Helena Agri.), Bobby Hamilton (Phelps Co), Jeremy Brandt (Hamilton Co), Nater Munter (TBNRD), Tim Stortz (NDA), Marty Craig (Dawson/Gosper) and Rich Walter (TNC).

Jeremy B. opened the meeting at 10:30 am.

Marty C made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes as sent out. Bobby H seconded. Motion Passed.

Officers Reports:

A. President: No report.

B. Vice-President: No report

C. Treasurer: \$232,927.15 \$79,142.51 is PVWMA funds. \$3,286.50 and \$393.75 were in legal fees were paid.

Business discussed:

- Grants update: Rich gave an update.
- NDA Grant: Rich will apply through the new program Amplifund.
- Platte River Resilience Fund: About 1.4 million dollars in account.
- Rob and Jeremy gave an update on the NET meeting that they attended on May 2nd in Lincoln.
- LB 218 update: did not get funded.
- Drone bid opening:
 1. Aerial Crop Solutions (Jason Hellbusch)
 - Drone: \$250/hr.
 - \$1.15 one-way.
 - Ad: \$169.00 per diem.
 - Airboat: \$250/hr.
 2. Volitant:
 - Drone: \$250/hr.
 - Travel: \$1.50 both ways.
 - Ad: \$179.00 per person diem.
 3. On Point: Bladen
 - Drone: \$300/hr.
 - Mobilization: \$250
 - Travel: \$5/mile.
 - Ad: \$70/per hour per man.
 - All counties.
 4. Correct Spray:
 - Drone: \$168/hr.
 - Mileage: \$1.15/per mile.
 - All counties.

5. Lincoln Creek Drone: Gresham

Drone: \$275/hr. Leave in am and come back in day.

Mobilization: \$100

Mileage: \$.67/mile 1 way.

Nate M made a motion to accept all 5 bids. Rob S seconded. Motion passed.

Nate M made a motion to offer a contract to Correct Spray to spray bridges in PVWMA area. Bobby seconded.

- Update on airboat spraying.
- WMA Conference update: April 11th.
Rich gave an update on Provine and helicopter spraying this year.

The next meeting is on June 6, 2024, at 10:30am at the Headwaters Corp in Kearney.