



Twin Valley Weed Management Area
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Twin Valley Weed Management Area Minutes
July 2, 2008

Mark Goebel called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. in the Trailblazer RC&D office, Red Cloud, NE. Those in attendance were: Merle Illian, river project coordinator; Steve Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D coordinator; Bob Meduna, NE Game and Parks; Vernon Duncan, attorney; Bruce Rumsey, Clay Co. Weed; Merrill Duntz, South Central PPD; Bud Collison, Webster Co. Weed; Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator; Brent Meyer, NE Dept. of Ag.; Mark Goebel, Franklin Co. Weed; Jan Harvey, Trailblazer RC&D; and Bobby Hamilton, Harlan Co. Weed.

Self-introductions were made.

1. **Review of Minutes:** The June minutes were mailed prior to the meeting. **Bruce moved to approve the minutes and Bud seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
2. **Budget Summary:** The financial report was distributed. Jan discussed the report. The final voucher and report has been sent into the state. **Merle moved to accept the closing of the 2007-2008 budget with the corrections being made to the final balance. Bobby seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
3. **Final Grant Report:** Merle distributed a copy of the final report to the group. **Bud moved to approve the final report and Traci seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
4. **Channel Cleanout from Harlan Dam to State Line:** Bruce, Mike, Mark, Merle, and Vern met June 16 to work on the specs. Vernon distributed and reviewed copies of the ground spraying bid specs. Changes to the bid specs were discussed and Vern will make the changes and send a corrected copy. **Merle moved to approve the ground spraying bid specs as amended Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
5. **Agreement Progress:** Bobby reported on getting landowners signatures. Getting landowners to sign is looking good. They have about a dozen left to contact.
6. **Plan of Work:** Bobby and Merle toured the river and seen several phragmites sites. The removal is very doable. They look to do a lot of disking of islands this time. A date to start debris removal needs to be determined. The group needs to think about getting the next contract and about disking specs.

Merle, Bobby, and Todd will get an idea of the quantity of phragmites in the area. A special meeting date of July 14 at 1:00 at the Franklin Co. Weed office was set to draw up specs.

The following dates were set:

July 14 – 1:00 at Franklin Co. Weed office to draw up specs.

July 21 – 2:00 at Trailblazer RC&D office to approve ground spray specs.

July 29 – Site showing for contractors

August 6 – 9:00 bid opening at Trailblazer RC&D office

10:00 regular TVWMA meeting

7. **Argo Spray Equipment:** Mark has the equipment in his office. The tank frame, reel pump, hand pump, boom, etc. needs to be installed on the Argo.
8. **Other Business:**
 - A&L Construction submitted a bill of \$805.00 for removal of debris placed on the nature trail along the river on Corps land. T
 - The Lower Republican NRD will provide funding to provide Merle with office space and a computer.
 - Doug Haller called and asked about using an airboat up and down the river to spray areas under the trees. Haller may bring a crew up to finish spraying what was not completed last year.
 - A graduate student wants to do a study on evapotranspiration of trees in the riparian areal along the Republican River.
9. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the TVWMA will be held on August 6 at 10:00 A.M. at the Trailblazer RC&D office in Red Cloud. **Bruce moved to adjourn and Bobby seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,
Bud Collison, Secretary