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Board of Directors

September 12, 2013

- 1. Call to order:** The regular meeting of High Plains Weed Management Association was held on September 12, 2013 at 1517 Broadway, Suite 105. President Mike Marker called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Board members present were: Larry Engstrom, Jeff Schledewitz, Mike Marker, Shawn Hopkins, Harold Winkelman, Owen Walker and Casper Corfield. Staff: Justin Relka, Field Coordinator and Joyce Mick, Daily Operations Coordinator.
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Larry Engstrom moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jeff Schledewitz. Motion carried.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Larry Engstrom moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jeff Schledewitz. Motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Harold Winkelman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Own Walker. Motion carried,
- 5. Approval of Bills to be Paid:** Jeff Schledewitz moved to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$2,973.41. Seconded by Casper Corfield. Motion carried.
- 6. Report from Field Coordinator:** Justin Relka handed out pens to each board member. He is going to give each applicant a pen for signing up. He also reported that the bids are out for re-growth spraying and that he is going to me with the helicopter people on Wednesday. Two weeks ago he quit taking applications for spraying due to ordering of the chemical. Justin informed the board upon his discussion with Mark Brohman with NET about the 5 year contract verses the 10 year contract. This would hold the land owner accountable longer. If the landowner does not abide by the contract then NET can request the money back and they will notify USDA with a list of land owners to not work with. Discussion was held on Roger Williams and how to handle that situation. It probably would be cheaper to mechanical remove the ro trees than spraying them since there are a lot and are so big. It was decided that the Field Coordinator will go out and



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look at all property that is due to be sprayed and will be decided whether or not it will be sprayed. Justin informed the board that he will be quitting in March. Mike Marker thanked Justin for all his hard work and for all his hard efforts of doing such a good job. It was decided to spread the open position by word of mouth and later advertise if need be.

- 7. Change of Pay Period and Change of position title for Joyce:** Mike Marker informed the board that since PADD and Panhandle RC&D joined that they are trying to combine different benefits to all be due at the same date. The pay period for discussed and okay with Justin to be paid the 1st and last day of each month. Mike also stated that Joyce had three different titles and they have changed it to Administrator Assistant.
- 8. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.