



ROADSIDE SPRAYING BEGINS

April has come and gone and with May comes weeds. In an effort to maintain the ditches and make the intersections safer, District 2 has begun spraying the weeds. Last winter a 500-gallon sprayer mounted on a 1-ton Dodge pickup was purchased for a total price of \$4,900. The sprayer has all the bells and whistles for right-of-way spraying. To get the sprayer in working order, we spent approximately another \$1,000. Additionally, the district purchased a 1000-gallon nurse tank for \$3,000 to speed up the loading process. This is a great investment for the district.

Ditches going to the cemeteries will be sprayed first, followed by all the blacktops and gravel roads. Plans are to continue spraying bridges, intersections and other roads as time allows. We feel that the time spent spraying will be significant compared to the time it takes to mow the same area. Of course, spraying will cut down on time spent mowing but it will not completely alleviate future mowing of the same ditches.

The five miles of rock on the Renfrow road that was included in the February 2007 ice storm damage has been completed. We will now begin on the FEMA-approved five miles damaged on the Jefferson road followed by two miles on Stauffer road north of Highway 11 and five miles on the ARM road. These FEMA projects have a July deadline. In an effort to meet this deadline, the trucks have been running every Friday and even a few Saturdays.

The good news is that our new rock trailers have arrived and should be delivered in the coming week. With a bit of luck this should mean there would not be any breakdowns caused directly by the trailers.

With the realization that spring crops are being planted and wheat harvest is just around the corner, we also have geared up to do spotting in of shale. Unfortunately time is getting short and we have countless projects with so little time. District employees will be observant of you and your farm implements as I caution you also should be watchful for our employees and our equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy R. Bobbitt, Commissioner
Grant County District 2