**Johnson County Weed & Pest Control**

**MINUTES**

**May 4, 2023**

**5PM**

Attendees: Scott Rogers, Board Chairman

Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman

Board Members Randy Hepp, Dick Gould, Nathan Williams

Allen Buff, Interim District Supervisor

Guests: Valerie Spanos, Spanos Administrative Services

**Agenda**

* Allen asked to add an item to the new business covering generic chemical usage. Randy moved to change the agenda to include an item in new business with a second by Nate.
* MINUTES FROM April 6th MEETING Randy moved and Nate seconded approval of the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
* FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Valerie Spanos presented the financial statements for both companies. Nate moved to approve the financials with a second by Dick. Motion carried.
  + Balance Sheet
  + Profit & Loss
  + Accounts Receivable Aging – Randy asked about an over 90 days outstanding invoice in the Leafy Spurge. There was a brief board discussion about the possibility of charging interest to encourage prompt payment. Possibility of 60 days or paid in full by end of the calendar year with a significant interest penalty. Issue tabled until next meeting.
  + Voucher List
  + Budget to Actual report
* Voucher Payments: Motion to approve the payment vouchers for Leafy Spurge and for the General companies was made by Dick with a second by Tyler. Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

* Update on Internal Audit – Val briefly covered a few of the items on the chart of accounts that will still need to be examined. The result will help Rod and Thane put together a budget for June.
* Personnel for Summer – Allen has five hired. He is interviewing another on Monday and there are several more. There are more applicants than positions available. Rod suggested hiring seven to keep a six-man crew busy with some flexibility. Discussion on retention during the summer and options for keeping them throughout the season.

Some of the crew members are returning and have recommended others to the job.

* Dick gave an update on the Ditch project. We have finished up stock piling on the Ditch. They are interested in having the project start a little earlier next fall, with Allen in agreement. Overall, it was a very efficient operation and exceeded expectations. They estimate it will take about three years to complete this project.

**New Business:**

* Thane’s expected start date. May 24th. Most of the difficult finals are out of the
* Generic Question: Allen asked the board for advice on the use of generic Tordon. He has been talking about using AG-syn. with other Districts. They do not see that there will be an issue with the product. Rod did not have success with generic Tordon, that had mechanical application challenges, but this was a few years ago and may have been corrected. There are significant cost savings using generic. The Allegary Distributor guarantees the product. There are some labeling issues with the unbranded product, but the distributor is working on addressing this issue. Allen will talk to MTR tomorrow, and they are willing to carry both types. He has talked to commercial applicators, and they have not had any clogging issues. There was also discussion about the risk of the generic not being as effective, and that it wouldn’t be discovered for a year. But the board was willing to give it a try. Nate moved and Tyler seconded to adopt the generic form.

**Director’s Report**

* Monthly Summary – Allen. The Legacy Projects was a topic of discussion at the Spring Meeting. Allen has invited the head of the Council to come and look at our program. Legacy Projects are long term projects that work on specific invasive species, one of which includes leafy spurge. Because our District gets more funding than other districts, Allen felt that if she were to witness our methods, she would understand why this district receives a larger portion of the funding.
  + Allen attended a grasshopper class; It is not expected to be a big grasshopper year.
  + He attended a class required by the EPA to calibrate the spraying equipment.
  + Tanks are ready to go, and the crew will start the 26th.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:08**

**Next Meeting: June 8th at 5pm.**