

MINUTES
April 6, 2017

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman
Larry Smith
Scott Rogers
Dick Gould

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk
Commissioner Bob Perry
Commissioner Linda Greenough

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the March 2nd meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Scott R. Financial Statements for February were reviewed and Katie pointed out errors. Scott R. moved to approve February Financial Statements with corrections. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry. Financial Statements for March were reviewed. Scott R. moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Larry seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for March were reviewed. Scott R. moved to pay the vouchers and to allow the clerk to write utility, salary, salary related assessments and staff benefit checks as needed. Motion passed after a second from Dick.

Old Business:

Rod reported that the Salt Cedar and Russian Olive project has been finished. There was an issue with labor that slowed down progress. The landowners are very happy with the project. Rod reported that there was not enough grant money to completely cover the landowner share of the project. Scott R. moved to figure the percentage owed by each landowner and bill them for that. Motion passed after second from Dick. Rod announced that he has completed most of the ZP oat survey work. He presented the verification information for Belus Brothers, HIP Investments, WatKo Resources, Bill Long and Bryan Long. Larry moved to pay the ZP rebate to these landowners. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Scott R. Rod said that he hopes to finish survey work within the next few days. Rod reported that he had not heard anything regarding the past due account that the County Attorney is working on. Rod asked the Board if they were interested in selling the flatbed from the pickup that was traded off. After discussion it was agreed by general consensus to keep the flatbed. Rod gave an update on the progress of the SMP; it has gone to the governor and approval is almost complete. It was agreed by general consensus that Rod draft a letter of support, if it opens up for public comment.

New Business:

Rod reported that Spring Workshop had been held early this year and that it was combined with the Office Manager Workshop. There was a lot of legislature information including budgets, investment options, and new law regarding prohibiting the picking up of sheds without landowner permission. Rod announced that the EPA had done a records inspection, the inspector was done in 10 minutes and said that things were well organized. They will be looking closely at the Worker Protection Standards with businesses and landowners regarding crop spraying. Rod reported that OSHA is offering "free" consultations. They do inspections and help with compliance. After discussing the benefits of having this done, it was agreed by general consensus to "invite them in".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:00 pm for the virtual tour. The next regular business meeting will be May 4th at 5 pm.

