

MINUTES

December 7, 2017

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman
Larry Smith
Tyler Benton
Dick Gould

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the November 2nd meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for November were reviewed. Dick moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for December were reviewed. Tyler 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 fall conference went very well and that there was interesting conversations at the round table discussions. Chairman Lutterman reported that it was interesting to hear what the younger supervisors had to say and that the generational gap was very apparent in their concerns in wanting to know the “when, how and why”. It appears that their venting is seeking some kind of end point to programs, some kind of closure. A committee was formed in order to set up a “WWPC strategic plan”; there will be a council meeting in January and another at Spring Workshop. Rod reported there was a lot of discussion on Cheatgrass. Rod reported that the following resolutions had passed Common Mullein; Ventenata, Medusahead, Yellow Star thistle, Area 2-DOT, pit inspections and EDR. Rod reported on the Job Foreman position. He has talked with Les Hook, with the city, regarding taking over the Mosquito program. Les is looking into it and it sounds positive at this point. Rod reported that the original release of bugs on Salt Cedar has reappeared and are working. There is damage showing to plants and they are starting to move to isolated plants; it appears that treatments are pushing them to different areas. Rod reported that Ramsbottom and Zexas rebates are ready to be issued from the 2015 ZP Oats Rebate Program. Merv Griswold has completed the cleanup for them.

New Business:

Rod told the Board that he will start doing inspections for the ZP Oats Rebate Program and asked the Board if they would like to continue this program. It was agreed by general consensus to keep the program as it is. Rod reported that the Salt Cedar/Russian Olive program will start in January on Kennedy Cattle. He will meet with their Ranch Foreman in order to know how much there will be to mulch and treat. Rod will need 2 or 3 crew members and it may be possible to trade with other Districts. Rod asked the Board if they would like to purchase a “boot brush station” which includes a sign & brush to clean feet at the trail heads. It was agreed by general consensus not to purchase. Rod showed the Board a map of grasshopper surveys completed over the summer; it appears there will not be a need for a wide scale program. Rod reported that the council had a contest for “Outstanding Seasonal Employee” and that he had entered Pake Nimick. He would like to have Pake attend the next meeting and the Board present this to him. Board agreed that was a good idea.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:10 pm. The next regular business meeting will be January 4th at 4 pm.

