

## MINUTES

February 1, 2018

### JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

#### Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Larry Smith  
Scott Rogers  
Dick Gould  
Tyler Benton

#### Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor  
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the January 4th meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for January were reviewed. Scott R. moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for February were reviewed. Larry 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 Tyler.

#### Old Business:

Rod reported that he had talked to Les Hook with the City. They had tried to figure out a way to do the Clear Creek Mosquito Program; however, labor was an issue and they cannot take it on. The City will do the larvicide on their part. Rod lead discussion on which direction the Board would like the program to take. Ideas discussed where: there have been no cases of West Nile in Johnson County; it is a Declared species so District "may" treat, but, does not "have" to treat; aerial adulticide may work, but, how would it be billed or how would donations be asked for; expensive and effectiveness of aerial larvacide treatments. The Board agreed by general consensus to give it a year and see what happens by offering larvacide to residents and having a training day. Rod lead discussion on employee plans for the next season. Washakie County Weed & Pest will try to hire a crew and run the Tall Larkspur program and the Forest Service treatments on the mountain for Johnson and Washakie Counties. The plan is a 4 to 5 person crew with a crew lead that will stay on the mountain. Rod reported that he had found some 20 oz water bottles locally for \$22.00, but the minimum order was 48, the Board agreed to proceed with getting them. Rod reported that the council planning meeting had been fairly productive and that it is "council" focused rather than "district" focused. Rod presented the Board with a handout and asked them to review it with a questioning attitude for the next meeting. Rod gave an update on the Salt Cedar/Russian Olive projects. They completed one bend on Kennedy before the landowners budget ran out and then completed two small jobs on Christian and Jones. He had one day that 3 people from Natrona County Weed & Pest helped and he may have to return the help. Rod reported that he has 2 crew members right now and had moved to Streeter. Rod presented the Reserve Policy that he had written up and reviewed it. Tyler moved to adopt the Reserve Policy as written. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry.

#### New Business:

Rod reported that one of the tilt trailers had a hand hydraulic jack on it that was very unsafe. He asked the Board if they would like him to have it welded down and ramps put on it or replace it. The Board agreed by general consensus to have Rod get quotes on a suitable replacement trailer and a cost to fix the current trailer for the next meeting. Rod reported that the District had two vehicles that were not seeing much use and that they could be down sized. Board agreed to proceed with selling both vehicles and that Rod should consult with the County Attorney on they could be sold for "book price" or if they had to sold on through a bid process. Rod reported that he had a template draft regarding adding or removing to the Designated list; tabled until next meeting. Rod reported that there are some changes in the budget process and there may be only one budget required for Special Districts, this will only affect the Weed & Pest Districts. Rod reminded the Board that it was time to reorganize. Dick moved to keep the current slate of officers and declare ANB Bank as the bank for the checking accounts and umm accounts; FNB as the bank for the reserve money market accounts. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Tyler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:45 pm. The next regular business meeting will be March 1st at 4 pm.

