

MINUTES

February 2, 2017

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

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 Vice-Chairman Rogers. Minutes for the January 5th meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Larry. Financial Statements for January were reviewed. Dick moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for January 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 Dick.

Old Business:

Rod reported that the new EPA rules have finally been published. The Applicator Certification standards were approved with the minimum age requirement raised to 18 for pesticide applications; however, there will be a 3 to 5 year grace period for the State to get a plan approved by the EPA and implement the changes. The new regulations will require the District to evaluate in-depth how we handle employees. Rod reported that Salt Cedar mulching and treatment is going fairly well. There is approximately 9 days to finish the east side of the river to Reculusa's house. If there is still money budgeted then they will do the Russian Olive project. Rod presented the information that he had on vehicle search. Prime Rate Motor has a 2015 F450 with a V-10 engine and utility box. They are asking \$35,000 and will give a trade value of \$6,100 trade for the dually making a difference of \$28,900. Rod lead discussion on how the utility box could be an advantage. It was agreed by general consensus for Rod to talk to Prime Rate Motors about increasing the value of the trade up \$1000.00 since it was generally felt it was too low, and to get an estimate to possibly modify the utility box. Rod told the Board they needed to have an investment policy. Tyler moved to adopt the following investment policy: "It is the investment policy of the Board to invest public funds of the Johnson County Weed & Pest District in a manner that strives for maximum safety, provides adequate liquidity to meet all operating requirements, and achieves the highest possible investment return consistent with the primary objectives of safety and liquidity." Motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry

New Business:

Rod reported that he had been approached by the FFA regarding placing an ad. It was agreed by general consensus not to purchase an ad. Rod reported that he had met with Mark Stenson regarding paperwork corrections for the commercial application of ZP oats. Mr. Stenson had voiced concerns regarding how the rebate program worked. The Board agreed to wait until after certifications to address the issue with Mr. Stenson. Rod reported that there was a growing problem with Common Cocklebur on the river. He asked the Board if they would be interested in doing an emergency program by air. The Board asked Rod to present approximate costs at the next meeting. Rod announced that it was time for the Board to reorganize. Dick moved to keep the current slate of officers. Motion passed after a second from Larry. Rod announced that the date for private applicator license will be February 16th in Kaycee at 1pm and in Buffalo at 6pm. Rod presented a request from the WW&P Council education committee for a contribution to support projects. Dick moved to contribute \$250 and Tyler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rod updated the Board on the out of county RUP sale from March of 2015 that has not been paid and that was turned over to the County Attorney. Rod asked the Board how to proceed and to set a policy for sales to out of county residents. Tyler moved to proceed with court action against Mr. Meich. Larry seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Larry moved to sell to out of county residents on a cash basis only. Motion passed after a second from Dick. Katie presented Rod with a copy of his employee review and it was discussed. Tyler asked Rod to get a price for the Board to replace the foam marker.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:45 pm. The next regular business meeting will be March 2nd at 4pm.

