

MINUTES

February 4, 2016

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 3:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the January meeting were approved with a motion by Dick and a second by Scott R. Financial Statements for January were reviewed. Larry moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for January 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 the crew has been mulching and treating Salt Cedar for almost three weeks. It is slow going and there is more than anticipated. The project will take the rest of February and maybe into March. Rod announced that he had completed some of the verification surveys for the ZP Rebate Program. He inspected Long's on Indian Creek, great control. Rod reported that there are some differences in acreages from his survey and the applicators mapping. Reculusa was within 10 acres difference, Kinchens were billed for 178 acres, survey acres were 122 and Hesse was billed for 438 acres, survey was 335. Rod asked the Board to how to handle these differences for rebates. After much discussion, Scott R. moved that on large variations in acreages the difference be split with the applicator as Rod may not be seeing all the fringe areas in his survey. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry. Rod reported on the status of the state lands funding. They are ready to go into the legislative session and the Weed & Pest has proposed action to put back \$600,000 to the budget. The problem is an educational curve most do not understand what that funding is actually used for.

New Business:

After the interviewing the seven candidates Scott R. moved to offer Chuck Thompson the open "Job Foreman" position at a rate of \$16 per hour with a raise of \$1 after certification. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Rod gave the Board the 2015 Cost Share Analysis and asked them to set the date for the virtual tour. It was decided by general consensus to have the virtual tour after the meeting on April 7th. Rod reminded the Board it was time to reorganize. Dick moved to keep the current slate of officers. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry. Rod opened and presented the bids for the highway contract. There was just one from Field Services at \$24.00 per lane mile. Larry moved to accept the bid. Tyler seconded the motion and it passed. Rod asked the Board about what direction they would like to go with the Russian Olive program, which the District currently cost shares chemical for. He lead discussion on Washakie County Weed & Pest program. They have a cutter that might be worth trying. It was agreed to use their cutter as a pilot project to see what cost, production etc. Rod announced that he had failed to notify the County Trapper in the area of the Salt Cedar mulching and some of his snares had been destroyed. It was agreed by general consensus to replace the snares. Rod reviewed budget projections for the fast approaching new fiscal year. He reassured Board that he would stay on top of it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 4:30 pm. The next regular business meeting will be March 3rd at 5 pm.

See You at the Next Board Meeting

March 3rd at 5:00 pm

General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
14092	77.68				
14093	244.78				
14094	40.90				
14095	24.53				
14096	126.77				
14097	83.19				
14098	235.80				
14099	29.17				
14100	35.00				
14101	98.00				
14102	311.90				
14103	25.00				
14104	759.00				
14105	47.12				
14106	74.60				
14107	1,340.00				
14108	750.00				
14109	1,930.00				
14110	69.30				
14111	879.67				
14112	219.08				
14113	700.00				

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Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
547	20,000.00	728	10,000.00
548	30,000.00		

Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4593	3,918.75	4605	1,796.44		
4594	6,292.00	4606	216.26		
4595	11,415.00	auto	3,603.20		
4596	Void				
Auto	108.72				
4597	531.94				
4598	1,728.12				
4599	2,341.50				
4600	3,370.42				
4601	738.28				
4602	750.00				
4603	58.05				
4604	1,970.30				