

MINUTES

January 7, 2016

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Larry Smith  
Scott Rogers  
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 December meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Tyler. Financial Statements for December were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Scott R. seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for December 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 Scott R.

Old Business:

Rod reported on the crew for next season; he has hired a lady to help with the Salt Cedar and then do the county roads, he has spoken with Wayne Landrey he is having surgery for carpal tunnel and does not know if he will be able to work, Back Country Spraying will be helping with Salt Cedar at a flat rate of \$25.00 hours per man hour. Rod reviewed the ATV/UTV Safety Protocol that he had drafted. Scott R. moved to have this as an attachment to the Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Tyler. Rod presented the numbers for his vehicle lease and asked the Board to renew it. Scott R. moved to renew Rod's lease at the same rate of \$700.00 per month. Larry seconded the passing motion. Rod gave an update on the ZP rebate program. He has almost all the paperwork and the total acres are 5,340 private land and 653.6 acres of state lands. Rod reviewed the policy on BLM lands and asked the Board what action they would like to take on both state and BLM. Scott R. moved to amend the rebate program to include payment for state lands and towns with adjoining BLM land if the town is over 50% deeded acres. The policy will be reviewed on an annual basis. Motion passed after a second from Tyler. Rod announced that he had found out that the changes in health care regarding taxes will not take affect for a couple of years. It was unanimously agreed to leave the group insurance in place as it is. Rod presented the Board with three vehicle options and quotes from Prime Rate Motors which are attached. After much discussion Larry moved to purchase the 2012 F250 and trade both vehicles. Motion passed after a second from Scott R. Rod announced that he received 7 applications, thus far, for the Job Foreman position. He reviewed the applications and asked the Board to set up an afternoon for interviews. It was agreed to hold interviews starting at 2 pm on January 18<sup>th</sup>, Board members will be sent copies of all applications.

New Business:

Rod reported that he had received a map from APHIS from last summer of grasshopper counts. There are some hot spots that maybe a cause of concern next year, which could lead to a grasshopper program in 2016. Rod announced that the front tires on the gator need replaced. After discussion of options it was agreed to replace the tires. Rod announced that the Governor took all unencumbered money for state lands from the fiscal year budget. And he has approved a recommendation from OSLI to completely remove the statewide program and potential budget pf \$712,500 for the Biennium, which will greatly affect the District's Weed & Pest Leafy Spurge program, as well as other District's programs. The Weed & Pest Council is developing an action plan to fight this proposed action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballet at 4:45 pm. The next regular business meeting will be February 4th at 3 pm.

# See You at the Next Board Meeting

## February 4th at 3:00 pm

### General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
14061	559.07	14088	30.00		
14062	3,368.16	14089	700.00		
14063	397.60	14090	2.00		
14064	143.00	14091	2.00		
14065	14.99				
14066	70.73				
14067	50.00				
14068	93.87				
14069	260.79				
14070	40.17				
14071	200.00				
14072	450.00				
14073	607.14				
14074	175.00				
14075	35.00				
14076	69.60				
14077	194.88				
14078	17.40				
14079	143.84				
14080	6.96				
14081	121.57				
14082	50.00				
14083	61.08				
14084	74.60				
14085	10.98				
14086	13,495.00				
14087	80.98				

### UMM 901026

### UMM 901015

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
		728	

### Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4581	9,337.34				
4582	Void				
4583	Void				
4584	2,341.50				
4585	3,370.42				
4586	750.00				
4587	58.05				
4588	1,970.30				
4589	2,218.39				
4590	1,124.81				
4591	226.76				
4592	1,901.77				
Auto	2,026.00				