

## MINUTES

June 30, 2020

### JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

#### Members Present:

Scott Lutterman, Chairman  
Scott Rogers, Vice Chairman  
Tyler Benton  
Nathan Williams

#### Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor  
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the June 4th meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Scott R. Financial Statements for June were reviewed. Katie reported the financial statements for May were correct. Scott R. moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds for May and June. Nathan seconded the passing motion. 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 Scott R.

Under old business, Rod reported on the activity for the month of June. Commercial crews are on both ends of the county two crews doing Leafy Spurge and the other working at the southern end; the backpack crews are working on Leafy Spurge; the road crew is putting in some long days and the helicopters pushed to finish Leafy Spurge spraying so there is one left doing Scotch Thistle at the southern end of the county and one doing Tall Larkspur on the mountain. Rod reported that things happened in a hurry with Grasshoppers, 420,000 acres in a week. There were lots of calls to add in and he made every attempt to get those added. There were a few places that were not seeing grasshoppers. Both Rod and Rick made sure counts warranted spraying and follow up counts are showing that the spraying was 90% effective. The grasshoppers have to consume the Dimilin and one place was not good because there was no vegetation. There were some issues with the mapping of the blocks. The applicator did not have an "on site" GIS person, therefore, everything was sent to Colorado and back. It was impossible to know when places were being sprayed. The greatest difficulty in the grasshopper program has been dealing with APHIS. Washington has been tight on money so by the time survey counts were in and then go to contract there was no money. In addition, the APHIS survey crews were not getting out and doing surveys. APHIS does not understand that a drought warrants a lower count. There was a big area designated as APHIS that was excluded, now counts are high and it is too late. However, did try to get the hot spots on deeded acres. Other issues with the grasshopper program were with BLM and distributor that promised chemical, did not deliver until way late and would not return phone calls. The Under Secretary for APHIS is coming to meet with Rod and some landowners to see the difference in the District ran program and theirs. Rod reported that on the mountain at the south end of the county the grasshoppers are bad, it need sprayed and can't afford to wait on APHIS. Scott R. moved to get it sprayed, get what you can from BLM and spread it out. Motion passed after a second from Nathan. Rod reported that there will be some grasshopper cleanup next year due to APHIS complications. Katie reported that there have been several groups including boy scouts, a couple 4-H clubs and Camp 307 bring in weeds for the bounty program. The Weed Bounty program already exceeded last year in pounds.

The Budget Hearing to amend the current budget was opened at 11:00 am. There being no testimony or protestants, Chairman Lutterman closed the Hearing at 11:10 am and immediately called the business meeting back to order. Rod reported in the General fund expenses totaled \$2,145,489 and income \$1,168,219, therefore, \$1,000,000 is needed from emergency reserves leaving a carryover of \$22,730 to balance the budget. In the Leafy Spurge fund \$300,000 is needed from emergency reserves leaving a carryover of \$325 to balance the budget. Nathan moved to transfer \$1,000,000 in the general fund and \$300,000 in the leafy spurge fund to balance the current budget. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Tyler. Rod reported that he and Chairman Lutterman had met with the County Commissioners on the budget for the FY20-21. County Commissioners were in favor of the budget. Rod lead discussion on the budget, pointing out where there are cuts and that he did not budget using any reserves. Rod will submit for grant money for Leafy Spurge in the next fiscal year.

Under new business Rod reported that Esplanade has finally been labeled for Cheatgrass in range under a different product name. It is expensive, but, should only have to treat every 3 years. Rod reported that he had lost his cell phone; but, after a long hassle with AT&T he purchased a new phone. Rod reported that the District has a new internet and long distance carrier. The changes were not supposed to happen until fall; however, they pulled the trigger and everything has been switched. Even though the timing was bad it is a good change. Rod reminded the Board that the budget hearing will be July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and the Board decided to have the Ventenata tour at 3:30 that day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 12:00. The next regular business meeting and year end meeting will be Aug 6th at 5:00 pm.

# See You at the Next Board Meeting

## Aug 6th at 5 pm

### General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
15989	1,152.46				
15990	87.59				
15991	22.18				
15992	223.80				
15993	174.60				
15994	865.53				
15995	36.98				
15996	1,106.71				
15997	700.00				
15998	1,006.99				
15999	2,613.30				
16000	1,237.34				
16001	1,099.99				
16002	4,702.50				
16003	922.93				
16004	684.31				
16005	2,647.32				
16006	489.67				
16007	843.28				
16008	947.50				
16009	132.48				
Auto	3,730.98				

### UMM 901026

### UMM 901015

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount

### Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
5019	1,432.53	5032	483.50		
5020	875.47	5033	1,766.50		
5021	1,205.68	5034	1,567.38		
5022	2,799.65	5035	1,137.19		
5023	1,646.67	Auto	5,311.96		
5024	1,302.51				
5025	3,227.95				
5026	1,230.04				
5027	2,218.51				
5028	498.69				
5029	1,165.67				
5030	1,202.87				
5031	2226.30				