

## MINUTES

March 1, 2018

### JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

#### Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Larry Smith  
Scott Rogers  
Dick Gould

#### Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor  
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the February 1st meeting were approved with a motion by Scott R. and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for February were reviewed. Scott R. moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Larry seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for March were reviewed. Scott R. 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 Larry.

#### Old Business:

Rod reported that he had talked with the County Attorney regarding the outstanding debt. The County Attorney has more pressing matters at the time, looking at a long time frame to collect and the fees would fairly high so his advice was to drop the matter. It was agreed by general consensus to not pursue payment. Rod asked the Board if they had read the landowner letter sent to them for review and lead discussion expected response to the letter. Rod lead discussion on the SMP agreement noting it would be a 5 year agreement with annual reviews, may lead to a more individualized plan for landowners and different types of "best management practices". The Board discussed a District SMP Policy regarding landowner treatments. Dick moved to provide landowners chemical at 100% cost share for leafy spurge if the landowner does the treatment in consideration of their 20% obligation with no reimbursements to landowners allowed so that there was one policy to treat landowners equally. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Scott R. Rod reported that both the vehicles are being advertised for sale and there has only been one interested party. Board agreed to leave advertising "as is". Rod reported that he had talked with Rocky Mountain Equipment regarding trailer repairs and it would be approximately \$4,000. Rod presented a quote from Prime Rate for a 20' trailer with fold down ramp and 7,000 lb axels. Dick moved to purchase the trailer from Prime Rate and to have Rocky Mountain Equipment sell the other trailer. Motion passed a second from Scott R. Rod reported that they are still working on Salt Cedar at Streeter and showed a drone video of the area and a demo of a cutting head that Natrona County Weed & Pest has. Rod has rented that same cutting head from Rocky Mountain Equipment which will double production for the remainder of the project. Rod asked the Board if they had questions or comments on the Council planning document and lead discussion. Council planning committee is thinking about sending out a survey to prioritize actions.

#### New Business:

Rod reported that a patch of Ventenata had been found at Cull Watt on Forest Service and that there is one on the interstate by the Sheridan County line. Rod showed pictures of Ventenata; it is not grazeable at any stage and has been described as "cheatgrass on steroids". Scott R. moved to pay 100% of fall treatment cost of patches of Ventenata 5 acres or less. Larry seconded the passing motion. It was agreed to have a Board field tour at the appropriate time for identification and do an aerial survey to see what we might have North of Buffalo to the Sheridan County line. Rod present the highway bids. Jason Koltiska - \$44.75 per lane mile and Back Country Spraying - \$23.50 per lane mile. Dick moved to accept the bid from Back Country Spraying at \$23.50 per lane mile and motion passed after a second from Larry. Rod presented the Audit to the Board and reviewed the enclosed letter regarding internal controls. Based on recommendations from the Audit, the Board decided to review and initial account reconciliations at the meeting. Rod reported that he had been approached by Dan Rogers about renting a bay in the "Sanjel" building if he purchases it. Board agreed by general consensus that it was of no interest. Rod asked the Board if they wished to do a virtual tour or would like to do a field tour later. Board will hold the virtual tour after the next regular business meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:30 pm. The next regular business meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

