

MINUTES
May 5, 2016

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman
Dick Gould
Tyler Benton

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the April meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for April were reviewed. Dick moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for April 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 both of the Job Foremans are working on mosquitos and are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through the first rotation. Brian has a 4 wheeler that he will put tracks on when needed. The plan is to start spraying Houndstongue next week at Kaycee and then move to Whitetop. Some of the crew will start next week. Rod reported that he has hired 2 ladies for the road crew, 5 guys for the backpack crew plus a crew lead and that he had a call from a guy that has worked for him in the past that he hired, he is in the process of hiring a second backpack crew. Rod reported that there are two ZP Oat Rebates left to pay and the rest will be held until after cleanup. Rod had asked the Board about purchasing a different larvacide applicator at the previous meeting. He has researched it found that it was very expensive and with grant money being cut it was not a good idea. Fortunately, they were able to fix the older ones to work and may need a small hand spreader. Rod reported that the gopher getter has been out several times this year and had to have some repairs made. He reported that the current rental was \$10.00 per day which does not cover the maintenance on it. Rod lead discussion on what a reasonable rate would be. Tyler moved to raise the rent on the gopher getter to \$ 50.00 per day. The motion passed after a second from Dick. Rod presented the budgets. He moved the Salt Cedar to the general fund and budgeted for an amount to come into the general fund from leafy spurge to reimburse for expenses itemized throughout the year. Rod made some suggestions for cutting the budget in the general fund. Dick moved to change the cost share in the following ways. 70% cost share on Roundup (or equal) in the fall (after September 1st) only on field cleanup; straight cost share of 70% on all programs with the exception of Leafy Spurge and ZP oats; ZP Oat rebate program remain the same; Leafy Spurge stay the same with the 80% cost share on application and 100% on the vendor coupons. Tyler seconded the passing motion. Rod reported that there will be carryover so will not have to move anything for this FY budget. Rod presented the budget for the Leafy Spurge fund and reported that he had budgeted for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mil. The Board was good with the budgets as proposed.

New Business:

Rod reported that both he and Jeff had gone off the group health insurance plan. He asked the Board to consider paying \$ 500.00 per month to each of them to a H.S.A. or the State 457 plan. Tyler moved that if an employee opts out of the District's group insurance the District will pay \$ 500.00 per month to a H.S.A. or the State 457 plan and that it be retro-active to the date they went off the group plan. Motion passed after second from Dick. Rod reported that there was some excess equipment and asked the Board what to do with it. It was agreed by general consensus; to keep the gator tracks, sell the Bolinger built flatbed for \$1500.00; 200g loaf tank sprayer with pump and motor for \$1000.00, and 350g flat bottom tank for \$ 150.00. Rod reported that he had participated in a Black Footed Ferret conference call. They are moving forward to release them at Meeteese; however, they have not gotten local input and still want to do a financial incentive to participating landowners. Rod presented an option for extending the warranty on the 2009 dodge. It was agreed by general consensus not to do the extended warranty. Rod reported that the District has been randomly selected for an IRS 2014 payroll audit, which should not be a big deal. They are questions on the 1099's and may question if Rod is exempt or non-exempt. Rod asked the Board to review the leave policy as he is at the maximum for sick leave and almost at the maximum for vacation leave. Dick moved to have the maximum on vacation leave be 520 hours. Rod asked the Board to set the date for the budget hearing. Tyler moved to hold the budget hearing for FY17-18 on July 7th. Motion passed after a second from Dick.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 7:15 pm. The next regular business meeting will be June 2nd at 5 pm.

