

MINUTES

November 3, 2016

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Scott Rogers  
Larry Smith  
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 September 29th meeting were approved with a motion by Scott R. and a second by Tyler. Financial Statements for October were reviewed. Dick moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Larry seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for October 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 Scott R.

Old Business:

Rod reported that fall conference was held in Cody on November 1-3 and that it was interesting. He reported that all the resolutions for Declared species were approved and there was a lot of discussion on Rocky Mountain Bee Plant. Resolution from Area 2 regarding a standardized weed list on highway's – was defeated after much discussion; resolution to increase the rate per acre – defeated; resolution to change bylaws that executive members of council include Supervisors, Assistant Supervisors and Board members- passed; rotate Board member or Supervisor every 2 terms or 6 years on Executive Board – passed; allow an ex-officio member of the council to serve as Council Treasurer – passed; Education committee open up to other than UW research person – defeated; certification process change Dept of Ag fix time frame issue – passed & UW test questions change to go with training material – passed. Rod presented the Board with discussion that was lead at conference regarding the way that resolutions are being handled regarding the “pre-voting” by Boards. Board members miss out of valuable discussion presented at conference justifying resolutions. Rod presented information regarding Board member training that has resulted from the Special District Task Force. There will be a training presented by the Conservation Districts on November 17<sup>th</sup> which can be attended in person or by “Go to meeting” on the web. It was agreed that Board members will attend via the web here at the office. Rod reported that there was some Salt Cedar mulching to be done this winter and the landowners involved are highly motivated to get rid of Russian Olive at the same time, as it is taking over. Russian Olive can be sheared off at ground level. Rod proposed the idea of District cutting and landowner remove; estimate cost to the District would be \$3,000. The Board agreed to table this until the next meeting and have Rod present figures on equipment etc.

New Business:

Rod announced that 3 Board members positions would be up in January, asked if they were interested in renewing their positions and handed out the petitions required for them to do so. Katie asked the Board if they would like to send holiday cards again this year. It was agreed by general consensus to send holiday cards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:10 pm. The next regular business meeting will be December 1st at 4pm.

