

MINUTES

November 6, 2015

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

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

Old Business:

Rod reported that he had been contacted by OSHA regarding the fatal accident of one of Back Country Spraying's crew member, since the accident occurred while contracting to the District. The representatives from OSHA had several questions about context of the contract with BCS and how the deceased fit into it. As a result of the accident and the interview with OSHA, Rod felt a review of the District's safety protocols was warranted. Items such as the need for taking an ATV training course, power steering on ATV's, requiring ATV weight ratings in contracts and loading to the weight rating on the machine were discussed. Rod will develop a potential protocol to be discussed at a future board meeting. Rod reported that he had just returned from fall conference and that it went good. Draft 8 of the SMP went right through and now goes to the Department of Ag, then to the Governor. Regarding resolutions; Area 1's resolution to shorten the length of conference failed, but, brought up discussion on why more Board members did not attend; Area 1's resolution to open the law to three species failed; Area 2's resolution regarding getting participation with inspecting/monitoring spraying on highways from WYDOT failed. Resolutions regarding designating Black Henbane, when it is added to the declared list it automatically comes of designated lists. Rod reported that there was interesting discussion at conference on the 10 J Rule and the EPA changing certification laws to 3 years for private applicator license and requiring continuing education or taking exam again. They are also making it harder to get a commercial applicator license.

New Business:

Rod reported that the extended cab Chevy dually has had on going problems with air conditioning and not running right. It was agreed by general consensus to start looking for a replacement. Rod announced that the Job Foreman Agreement with Jeff would soon be up for renewal. The Board asked Rod to put some figures together regarding a pay increase. Rod lead discussion on crew needs for next year. Ideas for crews included 2 backpack crews, 2 ATV crews in Kaycee and a full time Mosquito tech that would help with the salt cedar program in the off season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 4:20 pm. The next regular business meeting will be December 3rd at 3 pm.

