

MINUTES

October 7, 2015

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman
Scott Rogers (by phone)
Dick Gould

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

Old Business:

Rod reported that they have finished Salt Cedar early, Jeff was done on the 30th of September and he has one guy doing a couple of odd jobs.

New Business:

Rod reported that he had been contacted by OSHA regarding the fatal accident of one of Back Country Spraying's crew members. It was decided to table discussion until next meeting. Rod asked the Board to clarify the intent of the Fumitoxin policy. It was agreed by general consensus that the intent of the policy is landowners may have 3 cases at no charge from March thru June, which may extend into July if conditions allow. Rod reported that there is a conflict regarding personal leave in the Job Foreman job description and the District Policy & Procedure manual. In the job description it is written that personal leave shall be granted at 8 hours for every 160 hours worked and the P&P manual follows State guidelines of 8 hours per month. Scott R. moved to change the job description to match that of the P&P manual and grant leave at 8 hours per month. Motion passed after a second from Dick. Rod announced that the Fall Conference would be held the first week in November and he presented the resolutions. It was agreed by general consensus to vote "yes" on the following Resolutions. Declared weeds: Campbell County – Jointed goatgrass, Poison hemlock; Converse County – remove Showy milkweed, remove Black henbane; Fremont County Baby's breath, Cheatgrass; Hot Springs County – Cheatgrass; Natrona County – remove Black henbane; Park County – Emerald Ash Borer, Babys breath, Hoary Alyssum, White Champion; Sheridan County – remove Showy milkweed; Teton County – Austrian fieldcress, Yellow flag iris, Poison hemlock; Washakie County – Cheat grass/Downy Brome. Area II - each weed & pest area assign a representative from each WYDOT area to oversee and evaluate efficacy of work on the DOT ROW- vote yes. Area I – shorten and keep annual conference in Casper. Vote yes on the shortening the length of conference, if amended so as to continue to move around the State. Vote "no" on Area I resolution regarding the number of species allowed in the SMP be increased to three. Rod reminded the Board that they needed to elect a voting delegate for conference. Dick moved to elect Rod as the voting delegate for fall conference. Motion passed after a second from Scott R. Rod reviewed Draft 8 of the SMP. Dick moved to vote "yes" on Draft 8 at conference. After a second from Scott R. motion passed. Katie asked the Board if instead of doing cards at Christmas this year it be changed to Thanksgiving. Board agreed by general consensus. Rod asked the Board if they wished to move the November meeting due to Fall Conference. Scott R. moved to hold the next Board meeting on Friday, November 6th at 3 pm. Motion passed after a second from Dick.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:30 pm. The next regular business meeting will be November 6th at 3 pm.

