

MINUTES

September 10, 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 5:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the August 6th meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Tyler. Financial Statements for August 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 August were reviewed. Dick 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 there are two guys working on Salt Cedar spraying. The Salt Cedar looks good and they are cruising right through it. The helicopter is spraying Leafy Spurge on Crazy Woman has 7 or 8 days left.

New Business:

Rod reported that he had been contacted by a Sheridan County resident regarding the use of the District's new gopher getter. He asked the Board if they were interested in setting up a program for out of county use. Scott R. moved that the following guidelines be added to the gopher getter use, if an out of county resident wanted to use it: rental fee of \$100.00 per day; only in the Clear Creek drainage to Clearmont and the Piney Creek drainage; Johnson County residents use take priority in sending it out; must bring it back asap if a Johnson County resident requests to use it. The motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry. Rod presented a cost comparison for the Kaycee crew work, what the program cost vs what it would have cost if they had traveled from Buffalo. It was only a slight money savings not travelling every day but the real value was the increased productivity. Rod announced that he had attended the Area 2 meeting in Gillette. One of the Sheridan County Weed & Pest Board members brought up his concerns regarding the quality of the spraying along highways/interstates in the state. He raised the question of how to deal with accountability for use of State allocated funds. They drafted a resolution to have WYDOT in each DOT area report to the allocation committee on general perception of job quality by District. Rod showed the Board a note from the LZ Ranch thanking the District for the good job they did spraying. Rod asked the Board if they wished to make a donation to the Annual Conference scholarship auction. County funds cannot be used for the donation therefore no action was taken. Rod presented a great "letter to the editor" that Leif Hanson wrote in the Kaycee Community Voice encouraging landowners to be responsible for their weeds. Rod reported that he would be out of town on the date of the regular Board meeting. It was agreed by general consensus to move the meeting to Wednesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Rod announced that he had been invited to be a part of a small group representing the W&P Council to attend the Western Invasive Specie Summit, which is primarily focused on weed control for Sage Grouse habitat. It was agreed by general consensus to pay the trip expenses. Rod announced that Draft 8 was out of the SMP. It has been streamlined, simplified and addressed the concerns with advertising. The Board approves the current draft to be considered at the Annual Conference.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:50 pm. The next regular business meeting October 7th at 5pm.

# See You at the Next Board Meeting

## October 7th at 5:00 pm

### General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
13942	3,280.56	13969	700.00		
13943	3,350.00	13970	2,150.18		
13944	5,019.75	13971	2,341.50		
13945	14,121.00	13972	3,420.42		
13946	19,622.04	13973	58.05		
13947	34.50	13974	1,970.30		
13948	124.00	13975	750.00		
13949	87.34	13976	203.74		
13950	74.60	13977	1,913.07		
13951	2,400.00	Auto	3,546.48		
13952	127.60	Auto	182.66		
13953	35.00	13978	126.67		
13954	2,874.60				
13955	2,478.00				
13956	21.02				
13957	531.50				
13958	9.99				
13959	98.00				
13960	4,590.00				
13961	1,457.07				
13962	56.50				
13963	8,904.96				
13964	11.19				
13965	2,517.00				
13966	225.01				
13967	742.15				
13968	80.72				

### UMM 901026

### UMM 901015

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
544	20,000.00	723	50,000.00

### Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4570	20,102.50				
4571	3,625.00				
4572	577.06				
4573	200.00				
4574	400.00				
4575	3,058.39				
4576	77.59				
4577	37.18				
Auto	1,060.71				