

MINUTES
Sept 29, 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 1st meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Scott R. Financial Statements for September 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 September 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 gave activity updates. Salt Cedar application was finished last week on the river. The Job Foreman's will be treating Salt Cedar on BLM in Van Houten Draw Monday and Tuesday. There is a couple fall jobs to complete, including, backpack work in West Range Fire, a couple of thistle jobs at Kaycee and Leafy Spurge on Lower Crazy Woman. Rod reported that he talked with Bruce Gilbert with the IRS. He revised his report and the amount of what was due after corrections had been made to comply. The cell phone "bonus" must be reported as wages and taxes paid. This has been a learning experience. Rod reported that he had attended the Special Task Force meeting held in Casper on September 9th. There was good discussion on the negative impact of this Task Force. The main focus was on how to dissolve a board. The Weed & Pest may be exempt from dissolution as District's are established by Statute. The Task Force is only getting bits and pieces of information so the decision process looks to be difficult. Johnson County had good representation at the meeting. Rod announced that fall conference will be held in Cody on November 1-3 and asked the Board if anyone wished to attend. Larry moved to appoint Rod as the District's voting delegate for conference. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Dick. Rod presented the resolutions, with discussion on each the Board voted as follows, but giving Rod latitude to change vote if discussion at conference was compelling enough:
Resolution from Area 2 regarding application on highway's - vote yes; resolution to change bylaws that executive members of council include Supervisors, Assistant Supervisors and Board members. Ultimately Supervisors are the ones in the "know", there is a stigma of "to many" Supervisors and need Board representation – Board is neutral so see where discussion leads at conference; rotate Board member or Supervisor every 2 terms or 6 years on Executive Board – vote yes; allow an ex-officio member of the council to serve as Council Treasurer – vote yes; all Declared Species additions – vote yes, and if Medusahead comes up to be added to the Designated list – vote yes.

New Business:

Rod asked the Board to clarify the Prairie Dog ZP Rebate Program regarding payments of rebate on State Lands treated. Dick moved to continue the program as it is and pay rebate on State Lands. Motion passed after a second from Larry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:40 pm. The next regular business meeting will be November 3rd at 5pm.

