

## MINUTES

September 29, 2017

### JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

#### Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Scott Rogers  
Larry Smith  
Tyler Benton  
Dick Gould

#### Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor  
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the September 7th meeting were approved with a motion by Scott R. and a second by Larry. Financial Statements for September 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 gave an activity update. Salt Cedar has been completed on Streeter, they moved to Powder River Ranch, Powder River Livestock and Michelena the grass is tall and they were not finding much so it appears those areas can be treated every other year. There are a couple of small jobs on Leafy Spurge to be completed this fall and Back Country spraying is spraying knapweed on Streeter and then will finish up at Reculosa, maybe some spraying at Brubaker. Rod reminded the Board that fall conference is in Sheridan the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> and asked to Board to consider attending. Rod presented the Board with the long list of resolutions and lead discussion. It was agreed by general consensus to vote "yes" to remove Beat Leaf Hopper, Skeletonleaf Bursage and Plumeless Thistle from the Designated list; vote "yes" to add Common Mullen, Common Reed and Puncturevine to the Designated list; to vote "no" to removing Quackgrass; to vote "no" to adding Cheatgrass, Yellowstar Thistle and Russian Skeletonweed to the Designated and to vote on adding Mudusahead and Ventenata grass based on discussion at conference. Rod told the Board that First Northern Bank is ready to proceed with setting up the new money market accounts and need to know who the signors for the accounts will be. Tyler moved to have Rod Litzel, Katie J. Hepp and Scott Rogers as the signors on the accounts. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry.

#### New Business:

Rod reported that the Job Foreman, Brian Bell, had quit. He had talked to Rod a few weeks ago about looking for a new job because for various reasons. Rod lead discussion on possible options the Board could take regarding the Clear Creek Mosquito program, maybe, having the City take over the program or just not have that program. Rod will talk to Les Hook with the City. Rod presented a bill from VO Ranch who had Merv Griswold do some application work on Leafy Spurge. It was agreed by general consensus to pay the 80/20 cost share for the work. Rod reported that he had done some cheatgrass plots on his property to show mowing vs not mowing and different herbicides. He did 4 plots that were .5 acre in size using Plateau, Plateau & Milestone, Milestone and Roundup plus Esplanade. Rod reported that he had sprayed a small patch of Ventenata grass with Milestone plus Plateau. Rod announced that there would be a Black Footed Ferrett meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Cheyenne and would like to attend. Participating in the meeting is hard to do via conference call; but, it was the same day as the next Board meeting. It was agreed by general consensus that Rod attend the meeting in Cheyenne and schedule the Board meeting for 4 pm on November 2<sup>nd</sup>; Rod will call in after the BFF meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 4:45 pm. The next regular business meeting will be November 2nd at 4 pm.

