

MINUTES

September 7, 2017

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Larry Smith  
Tyler Benton  
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 August 3rd meeting were approved with a motion by Dick and a second by Tyler. Financial Statements for August were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Larry 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 Tyler.

Old Business:

Rod gave a report on the crews. The Backpack crew did not get to all that needed sprayed; but, the priority ones were completed. Pake did an excellent job as crew lead and will be back next year. ATV crew did a good job this summer and Jackson stepped up on the backpack crew and did great. There has been a late start with Salt Cedar and there are places that won't get sprayed this year; partially due to lack of help and time, plus some places are looking very good and don't warrant coverage. It appears that the Salt Cedar in some areas can be sprayed every other year. Last year Rod changed the herbicide mix and unfortunately the SC control doesn't look as good this year especially in the more recent cut areas, so he went back to the original mix this year. Frontier Helicopter arrived on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> to spray Leafy Spurge and cheatgrass, mostly on BLM. There are a few small Leafy Spurge places to spray this fall. The county road crew spraying was good and bad depending on the area. The highway crew did okay when they came back; but, due to of how the season went the contract needs revision. Rod lead discussion on the Salt Cedar/Russian Olive project that the Board toured before the meeting. The cost of mulching/treating is high for Russian Olive, so looking at ways to be more efficient. Rod reported there are some small areas of Salt Cedar to mulch this year, as well as, Kennedy Cattle on Powder River is interested in doing some. The amount will be dependent on the cost of equipment this year since JB Construction may not be mulching. Rod reported he had spoken with the County Attorney regarding the accident and how to handle the replacement of Weston Weed's bumper; there needs to be a "release of liability" and then Weston Weed Control can be paid directly by the District. Larry moved to pay the \$ 898.77 for a replacement bumper cost as per the quote from Ed's Body. Motion passed after a second from Dick. Rod presented the bids from the local banks regarding investing \$ 4 million. Proposed interest rates on money market accounts: First Northern - 1%, ANB - .4%, 1<sup>st</sup> Interstate - .2% and Bank of Buffalo - .3%. Dick moved to invest \$4 million of public funds in a money market account with First Northern Bank. Tyler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Rod reported that Crook County Weed & Pest will submit a resolution to add Common Mullein to the designated list; therefore, the District could just write a letter of support. Rod asked the Board if they had any other resolutions, there were none.

New Business:

Rod reported that the Area 2 meeting had taken place in Sheridan on August 24<sup>th</sup>, one of the main topics of conversation was fall conference. They are planning two roundtable discussions, one for supervisors and assistant supervisors and one for board members. Rod asked if the Board had any suggestions regarding topics. Conference will be in Sheridan this year on Nov 14-16 with a different schedule this year. Rod asked the Board to schedule the October meeting at a different time due to the many members not being able to attend. It was agreed by general consensus to hold the Oct meeting on September 29 at 3 pm. Katie asked the Board if they would like to do holiday cards this year. It was agreed by general consensus to send them.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:00 pm. The next regular business meeting will be September 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

# See You at the Next Board Meeting

## September 29 at 3:00 pm

### General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
14814	290.96	14840	700.00		
14815	26,144.18	14841	1,289.05		
14816	4,417.50	14842	200.96		
14817	41.35	14843	135.35		
14818	921.06	14844	.08		
14819	1,256.99	14845	69.60		
14820	64.58	14846	34.80		
14821	549.00	14847	10.44		
14822	892.80	14848	235.48		
14823	1,630.80	14849	77.72		
14824	2,755.20	14850	1,199.66		
14825	3,200.00	14851	1,054.80		
14826	20.55	14852	16,620.00		
14827	311.16	14853	4,000.00		
14828	132.27	14854	103.50		
14829	34.50	14855	40.69		
14830	1,112.50	14856	942.67		
14831	81.82	14857	13,958.63		
14832	123.60				
14833	900.00				
14834	646.98				
14835	898.77				
14836	16,680.00				
14837	81.53				
14838	2,190.50				
14839	6,956.41				
auto	3,296.18				

### UMM 901026

### UMM 901015

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
562	40,000.00	748	40,000.00

### Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4777	631.54	4788	75,240.00		
4778	32,517.79	4789	4,716.00		
4779	6,523.75	4790	20,326.76		
4780	2,732.50				
4781	2,368.82				
4782	3,132.42				
4783	1,250.00				
4784	698.00				
4785	1,357.30				
4786	173.05				
4787	66.25				
Auto	19.35				
Auto	2,577.85				