

MINUTES

March 7, 2019

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Rogers, Vice Chairman
Dick Gould
Nathan Williams

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk
Bob Perry, County Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Vice Chairman Rogers. Minutes for the January 8th and February 7th meetings were approved with a motion by Dick and a second by Nathan. Financial Statements for January and February were reviewed. Nathan moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Dick seconded the passing motion. 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 Nathan.

Under old business, Rod reminded the Board that it was time to reorganize. Dick moved to keep the current slate of officers and declare ANB Bank as the bank for the checking accounts and umm accounts; FNB as the bank for the reserve money market accounts. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Nathan. Rod reported that the cold temperatures had slowed down the mulching/treating on Streeter Ranch; but, there was one day remaining to completion for the year. He hopes to complete that day this month; but, it is weather and schedule dependent. Rod reported that he had met with the Forest Service, Conservation District and a member from the trails board regarding the "Weed Bounty Program". They have set a date of June 8th to pull weeds on trails as part of the program. The Forest Service will map the areas for the pull day, the bounty will be paid at 50 cents per pound and awards will be presented for most weeds pulled. Les Hook with the City and Mary Fowlkes with the trails board will work on getting Play,Clean,Go signs up in various locations. Rod reported that the State lands funding in Governor Gordon's supplemental budget came through at \$500,000 for weed and pest treatment on state lands. Rod stated that he had met with Commissioner Perry at the airport to view possible building sites. Commissioner Perry and Rod showed the map to the Board of the airport and lead discussion on building objectives; the intent is to have a more efficient building with pull through doors and more space, inside and out. There is water and power to locations; however, there will have to be a septic system put in. The Board discussed various components of building; sell first and then build, funds in emergency reserve, heated and unheated shop areas, approximate cost, height of garage doors, having inside of shop area treated with polyurethane, building layout and blue prints. It was agreed by general consensus that Rod contact companies regarding having blue prints and estimates drawn up. The Board discussed the options that maybe available at the fairgrounds; but, felt that access would be an issue there. Rod reported to the Board that due to lack of quorum at the last meeting they needed to make a decision on the highway bid. He presented the requested cost of doing some of the highways as part of the county roads program verses the bid price of \$40.00 per line mile for the entire 873 lane miles from Jay Cooper. Rod reported that he had a meeting on March 21st with the allocations committee and could request additional funding. Nathan moved to accept the bid from Jay Cooper as presented for the entire project. Motion passed after a second from Dick. Rod lead discussion on the grasshopper meeting held earlier in the day. He reported that he had started working on mapping in order to know how many landowners had concern/issues with grasshoppers last season. The Board will have to have a project set up by May; designate JC weed and pest as head of landowner group, APHIS involvement, per payment amount, sign up for landowners, setup bank account and cost share amount.

New Business:

Rod reported that he will do the prairie dog surveys this month for the ZP Rebate Program, approximately \$30,000 in rebate potential depending on those surveys. Rod presented a request from the Education Committee for a donation. Donation goes toward PlayCleanGo, Wy Ag in the classroom, State Fair golf tournament, public radio's science Friday, and various other educational programs. Dick moved to donate \$500 to the Education Committee. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Nathan. Rod explained a program that other districts around the state are doing, Outstanding Cooperator Award. This program recognizes an individual or group that has outstanding cooperation with the Weed and Pest programs in the county. The Board decided not to setup up this program at this time.

Other:

Rod told the Board that he will hold the Virtual Tour for 2018 after the next regular meeting. Katie reported that the 2018 audit had come back. She pointed out some of the things that the auditor suggested change; general ledger journal entries, more education in accounting procedures, internal controls regarding bank statements and having a written accounting handbook.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:00 pm. The next regular business meeting will be April 4th at 5:00 pm followed by the Virtual Tour.

See You at the Next Board Meeting

April 4th at 5:00 pm

General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
15408	403.03	15432	509.09		
Auto	67.94	Auto	85.32		
15407	60.00	15433	919.12		
15409	315.00	15434	2,261.50		
15410	128.72	15435	81.19		
15411	5.82	15436	11.99		
15412	89.89	15437	700.00		
15413	6.00	Auto	566.01		
15414	98.07	15438	51.27		
15415	1,249.67	15439	25.23		
15416	11.96	15440	43.07		
15417	63.55				
15418	Void				
15419	26.99				
15420	1,000.00				
15421	126.32				
15422	360.00				
15423	500.00				
15424	229.88				
Auto	39.24				
15425	63.18				
15426	Void				
15427	120.10				
15428	6,666.78				
15429	831.29				
15430	265.87				
15431	83.48				

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Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount

Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4889	2,579.75				
4890	3,152.94				
4891	1,550.00				
4892	407.29				
4893	1,452.34				
4894	178.89				
4895	79.40				
Auto	2,387.30				