

MINUTES  
Aug 1, 2019

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman, Chairman  
Scott Rogers, Vice Chairman  
Dick Gould  
Nathan Williams

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor  
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the June 30th meeting were approved with a motion by Scott R. and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for July were reviewed. Scott R. moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Nathan 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 gave an activity report. It has been an interesting month. Lost one crew member from a non-work injury, one member left because of family issues, one member decided he needed two weeks off so he is done and another rolled a 4 wheeler; he is off for the week, maybe, longer. The crews are way behind with the spraying. Rod lead discussion on bidding out the Forest Service spraying next year because it takes so much time and so crews can stay focused on private land. Rod reported that there has been numerous calls reporting grasshoppers. There are reports of small hoppers which indicates that they are still hatching and larger ones are on the move. APHIS is currently doing adult grasshopper surveys. The District will need to have meeting, possibly in February, to get things blocked up for next year. There has been approximately 2600 pounds of weeds weighed for the Weed Bounty Program, mainly Houndstongue. Rod reported that the meeting with Governor Gordon has been set for August 15<sup>th</sup> in Cheyenne to talk his invasive species thoughts. Rod and Scott Lutterman will attend. Rod reported that there was some confusion with the purchase of the new CD's in regards to timing, pledged accounts for money markets and variance with First Northern Bank. In addition, the current bills exceeded the amount that would be left in the Leafy Spurge money market if the CD was in the amount of \$1,500,000. Therefore, Rod requested that First Northern and ANB banks rebid the CD's so that the Board could reconsider all options. Rod presented the bids on the CD's to the Board; ANB Bank 12 month= 2.03%, 18 month= 1.9%, 24 month=1.9% and First Northern Bank 12 month = 2.0%, 18 month = 1.9% and 24 month=1.8%. The Board discussed the amounts of the CD's, the liquidity need within the next year, the difference in total interest earned between the banks, current interest rates on the money market accounts for funds that will remain in those and the transferring of funds between banks. Scott R. moved to purchase two CD's for a 12 month term from First Northern Bank at a rate of 2%; General fund in the amount of \$1,500,000 and Leafy Spurge fund in the amount of \$1,000,000. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Dick. Rod reported that he had visited with Nate Behrend regarding the building. They added 9 feet to the office/shop area adding to the size of the conference room. Rod reported that he had visited the site near the fairgrounds, had "stepped off" the location of the building and will talk to the fair board. The board discussed advantages and disadvantages to several types of building. It was decided by general consensus to get bids on the following three options; post & pole, frame construction with monolithic foundation and office/shop area monolithic with the remaining shop area being post & pole.

Under new business, Rod announced that the Area 2 meeting will be in Gillette at 10 am on August 20<sup>th</sup> if any Board member would like to attend. Rod reported that the Ventenata sprayed last year looked good and you can tell what was treated vs what was not. It is very resilient so the District needs to stay with clean up treatment. Sheridan County Weed & Pest Supervisor, Luke Sanders has done some aerial surveys and has noted three suspicious sites in Johnson County. Rod will follow up on those sites. Rod asked the Board if they had any Declared Species resolutions. Rod reported that he had one landowner request to declare Poison Hemlock. The Board discussed if other landowners had voiced concerns. It was agreed by general consensus that Rod visit with the landowner regarding the process to declare Poison Hemlock and let him know when the next meeting was so that he could formally present and defend his request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 7:15 pm. The next regular business meeting will be August 29th at 5 pm.

# See You at the Next Board Meeting

## Aug 29th at 5:00 pm

### General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
15612	44,848.63	15638	94.41		
15613	64,143.03	15639	264.97		
15614	101.92	Auto	45.06		
15615	89.77	15640	154.80		
15616	340.63	15641	36.98		
15617	54.98	15642	774.47		
15618	172.47	15643	1,625.27		
15619	190.95	15644	1,037.12		
15620	1,102.75	15645	1,377.71		
15621	71,023.80	Auto	1,242.92		
15622	71,840.00	15646	1,266.69		
15623	81,170.25	15647	147.19		
15624	27,936.00	15648	1,564.64		
15625	18,523.38	15649	2,417.22		
15626	18,390.60	Auto	1,045.53		
15627	135.00	15650	700.00		
15628	5,425.20	15651	409.29		
15629	3,641.40	15652	2,741.98		
15630	15,167.50	15653	3,152.94		
15631	98.98	15654	1,640.00		
15632	227.57	15655	Void		
Auto	38.86	15656	424.68		
15633	127.78	15657	1,524.13		
15634	25.66	Auto	2,442.16		
15635	270.00				
15636	4,268.41				
15637	45.75				

### UMM 901026

### UMM 901015

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
		775	100,000.00

### Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4931	1,386.13	4943	66,692.93		
4932	977.45	4944	131.99		
4933	1,062.81	Auto	23.02		
4934	1,204.91	4945	709.86		
4935	1,343.42	4946	561.84		
4936	1,103.01	4947	1,420.86		
4937	1,926.68	auto	680.38		
4938	196.93	4948	878.25		
Auto	2,332.24	4949	1,662.89		
4939	4,337.50	Auto	637.82		
4940	809.00	4950	116.50		
4941	23,617.50				
4942	246,420.00				