

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD
MINUTES

December 2, 2021

Members Present: Scott Rogers, Chairman; Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman; Dick Gould, Nathan Williams, Randy Hepp

Others Present: Rod Litzel, Supervisor; Katie Hepp, District Clerk; Bob Perry, County Commissioner

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Rogers.

Minutes for the November 4th meeting were approved with a motion by Dick and a second by Nathan.

Financial Statements for November were reviewed. Randy moved, seconded by Tyler to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Motion carried.

Nathan moved, seconded by Dick to pay the bills, attached, and to allow the clerk to write utility, salary, salary related assessments and staff benefit checks as needed. Motion carried.

Old business:

- Accounts receivable report – Rod reported total outstanding to date \$ 64,386.38.
 - All current except \$28.00 in 2020 grasshoppers.
 - Hwy contract overage of \$5,189.22 should get paid.
 - State lands overage of \$36,648.20 was paid with SAC grant funds.
- Activity update -
 - Rod – November
 - Mapping for Forest Service, BLM and SAC grant
 - SAC grant report
 - Meetings
 - Fall Conference
 - Katie – November
 - BLM 2021 close out documents
 - Audit
- Prairie Dog Rebates – Rod reported on the status of the outstanding Prairie Dog rebates.
 - Has not heard from M&M Services at all
 - Getting to late in the year and Prairie dogs have moved into areas that had passed.
 - Tyler moved, seconded by Randy to pay the rebate due to Culliton that qualified at time of inspection. Waive the 3 year retreatment for Culliton, Roduner, Purdy and lands sold by Schmidhorst. Motion carried.
- Salt Cedar and Russian olive Plans – Rod reported
 - Will start the week of December 13th.
 - All equipment cost will be paid with SAC grant funds
 - First project will be the removal of Russian olive with WYDOT along the Sussex highway
 - WYDOT special project funds will pay labor and equipment cost. Kaycee DOT shop will provide dump truck and removal.
 - Will just be a one day project; but, visibility will show the benefits of the program.
 - Second potential project will be the removal of Russian olive for Gosney Ranch.
 - Other landowners in the program include Christian, Urruty, Kinchen and possibly continuation on Streeter.
 - Federal grant possibility called “Water Smart” for larger RO or SC projects.
 - Applications are due one year from now, Rod suggested meeting with prospective project landowners after the new Supervisor is hired.
- ATV Sprayer Sale-
 - Rod reported that he spoke with Warne Chemical regarding the pricing of a used ATV sprayer.
 - Dick moved, seconded by Nathan to sell the used ATV sprayer for \$700.00. Motion carried.
- Planning –
 - Rod reported that he had advertised the District Supervisor position announcement.
 - Rod reported that at this time he will have approximately 8 months of accumulated leave upon retirement in August.
 - He presented the Board with the option of paying out accumulated leave in monthly payments, which would go into 2023, rather than in one lump sum.
 - No holiday pay, no payments into 457, or accumulation of benefits during those months.
 - Paid monthly would give the Board more flexibility pending revenue stream and retain some interest earnings. The benefit to Rod is deferment of income for tax purposes.
 - Wy Retirement System requires benefits to be paid in by the Board regardless of payout.
 - He could be available for fall conference 2022 and other days if needed.
 - Rod agreed to be available to help with Salt cedar during that time but would have to be on Contract basis or would affect the monthly payout.
 - Board agreed by general consensus to pay out Rods accumulated leave through the end of 2022, then any remaining leave could be either paid out lump sum or continued monthly after January 1, 2023.

New business:

- Crook County Weed & Pest-
 - Rod reported that Crook County Weed & Pest had without warning fired their District Supervisor, Andrew, for “unsatisfactory performance”. No explanation of that terminology was given.
 - Rod reported that Weed & Pest Council Chairman is considering drafting a letter from the council and or Area 2.
 - Letter is a positive letter recognizing the dedication, hard work and overall positive contributions that Andrew Litzel made not only at a county level; but, at an Area 2 level and throughout the state.
 - Letter would encourage the Board to continue the mentality that Andrew brought to their District as they move forward.
 - Rod asked the Board if they would like to draft a letter focusing on those factors or be additional signatories.
 - Board decided it was not in the District’s best interest at this time.
 - Wait and see what reaction the other Area 2 Districts have.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted Katie J. Hepp JCWP District Clerk

See You at the Next Board Meeting

January 6th at 4 pm

Payment Vouchers for Dec 2021

General Account

Ck. No.	Paid To	For	Amount
16505	MTR	Herbicides	1,873.59
16506	Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	70.84
16507	Big Horn Tire	Repairs	48.00
16508	Atlas Premier	Xerox main agreement	49.05
16509	M&L Diesel Repair	Repairs	662.00
16510	Charter Communications	Internet & long distance	117.87
16511	Rocky Mountain Power	Utilities	52.23
16512	Chase Credit Card	Misc	376.99
16513	WEX Bank	Fuel	115.38
16514	AT&T	Cell phone	85.18
16515	City of Buffalo	Utilities	120.10
16516	JCWP Leafy spurge	Transfer FS payment	3,061.24
16517	Rod Litzel	Vehicle lease	700.00
16518	Katie Hepp	Insurance	143.25
16519	Jeff Corbett	Payroll	844.48
16520	Katie Hepp	Payroll	2,857.00
16521	Rod Litzel	Payroll	2,942.08
16522	Rachel Morey	Payroll	754.49
16523	Kelvin Read	Payroll	714.79
16524	Great West Financial	Payroll	2,606.75
16525	Wy Dept of Employment	Payroll	13.11
16526	Wyoming Retirement	Payroll	1,725.44
16527	Wy Workers Comp	Payroll	327.31
Auto	EFTPS	Payroll	3,091.14

Payment Vouchers for Dec 2021

Leafy Spurge Account

5149	JCWP Gen Account	2021 herbicide trade	39,690.70
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