

# MINUTES

February 4, 2021

## JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

### Members Present:

Scott Rogers, Vice Chairman  
Dick Gould  
Tyler Benton  
Randy Hepp

### 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 7 meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for January were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds for January. Randy 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 Tyler.

Under old business, Rod gave an activity update. Rod gave a report on accounts receivable, total outstanding to date is \$ 68,160.19 of that \$590 is from the grasshopper program. There is still one outstanding grasshopper invoice from 2019 and Rod ask the Board how they would like to handle it. It was agreed by general consensus that Rod send a letter with the statement. Rod reported that tomorrow will be the last day for Salt Cedar. The weather has been good; but, it is supposed to turn bad next week so they are going to call it for the year. The yearly expenses for Salt Cedar are \$86,858 and the grant is for \$30,000. Dick asked what the long term looked like for the Salt Cedar program and the Board discussed the program history. Rod reported that he had taken some time off and Katie reported that she was working on year end for the annual report. Rod told the Board that he had taken the Honda Pioneer up to Ultimate Outdoors to be sold; however, they are interested in buying it. Rod reported that he had a conference call with the council regarding keeping the changes to the bylaws.

Under new business, Rod introduced the new board member, Randy Hepp. Rod reminded the Board that it was time to reorganize. Tyler nominated Scott R. as Board Chairman. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Randy. Randy nominated Tyler as Vice Chairman. Dick seconded the passing motion. Dick moved declare ANB Bank as the bank for the checking accounts and umm accounts; FNB as the bank for the reserve money market accounts and designate Katie as the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion passed after a second from Tyler. Rod reported at the special meeting of council on conference call that Districts were made aware that the Attorney Generals opinion they can no longer use the County Attorney services. The idea of all Districts using the same Attorney. Board agreed that they should use the network of Weed & Pest to ask questions if a concern arises; maybe, someone else has experience with the same issue in the past. Board agreed that they should cross that bridge if they come to it; but, to try to keep it local. Rod reported that HB53 was sailing through the legislature. The bill address' Weed and Pest council duties and assisting Districts with invasive species management. The big and good thing is that Special Management Programs are no longer limited to 2 species. However, there is no change in how a Special Management Program is set up. The process is antiquated, expensive, cumbersome and confusing to set up under the current law. Commissioner Perry also reported on HB53 and use of County Attorney.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:30 pm.

