

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Vice Chairman Rogers. Minutes for the December 5th meeting were approved with a motion by Dick and a second by Tyler. Financial Statements for December were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Nathan seconded the passing motion. Nathan moved to pay the vouchers, with conditional approval for payment to Rocky Mountain Equipment Brokers due to a recall, 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 a report on the activity for the month of December. He did grasshopper mapping, finished reports, shop work and attended a couple of meetings; Katie took a couple weeks off and is working on year end reports. Rod reported that he had spoken with county Road & Bridge Foreman regarding the progress for the building site. He is still waiting to hear back from Commissioner Novotny on where the gravel pile can be relocated; therefore, the building is on hold until a firm/written commitment from the Commissioners. Rod reported that WCSR Specialist Stormy Clarke had done a Workers Comp inspection on December 20th. There are 7 things that needed corrected; fire extinguishers inspected on a monthly basis, exit signs at exterior doors, remove table from in front of fire extinguisher in front office, remove or put weight limit signs on shelving above doors, SDS book for (non-pesticide)chemicals in shop, new weight restriction labels on ladder and remove stuff being stored in furnace room. Rod lead discussion on the value of having a topper for the short bed Chevy for Salt Cedar. They have been using a box that fits on the flatbed; but, since the District is getting rid of the flat bed and the box needs replaced a topper would be the best option. If the District trades the flatbed for a long box then Rod has a topper that will work for the Salt Cedar project. Discussion on the topper lead to discussing the vehicles use and value; therefore, Rod presented the quotes that he had received for trading the 2005 Dodge: White's 2018 Chevy 2500 6 liter with 27,008 miles for \$37,675 minus trade of \$8,000, Wolf 2016 Dodge 6.4 liter with 70,625 miles for \$28,995 minus a trade of \$9,500 and a 2015 Ford with 87,502 miles for \$25,995 minus a trade of \$9,500, Prime Rate 2018 F350 6.2 liter with 30,208 miles for \$39,995 minus trade of \$9,630 and a 2018 F350 6.2 liter with 22,607 miles for \$39,995 minus trade of \$8,135. Board discussed the value of the 2010 Chevy verses the value of the 2005 Dodge as a trade, the Chevy should have a trade value between \$16,300 to \$17,500. Nathan moved to trade the 2010 Chevy and sell the 2005 Dodge out right "as is" and to set the minimum bid as \$6,500, but to also see if those Dealers will trade both vehicles in. Motion passed after a second from Scott R. Rod will contact dealers to get new quotes then contact the Board via phone. Rod announced that he had completed some of the mapping on the potential grasshopper program next spring from the list of interested landowners. He has talked with APHIS regarding their schedule and asked the Board if they would think the meeting would be best attended if it were held on the same day as the pesticide applicator license class. Board agreed that was a good day. Board agreed by general consensus to hold the grasshopper landowner meeting on February 12th at 10 am. Rod will schedule the location. Rod reported that he had found someone to do the grasshopper surveys and mapping, Rick Pallister, would be a good fit. Board agreed to hire him and to pay his mileage instead of providing a vehicle. Rod reminded the Board about previous discussion on setting up a scholarship for returning crew members. After much discussion the guide lines for the scholarship will be \$500 payable to their school of choice at the end of each year they return. In order to receive the scholarship they must return a second year, be in good standing with the District and work the entire season as determined by the supervisor each year. Rod will write up the guidelines for approval and addition to the District Policy and Procedure manual.

Under new business Rod reported that the Council had given each District a \$25.00 gift certificate for Cabela's for their Outstanding Seasonal nominee. This year Rod had nominated Tanner Verplancke who could not be present for this meeting to receive it. Rod lead discussion on how to get rid of the Gator and the Pioneer. The Gator has tracks that can sell with it or separate and the Pioneer has a sprayer that can go with it or separate. It was agreed by general consensus to trade the Gator, sell the tracks separate and to sell the Pioneer with the sprayer. Rod gave a report on the hwy contract. The District paid for 5 miles on hwy 87 that did not get sprayed and he has tried to contact the contractor about getting that refunded, but no word as yet. Rod lead discussion on the changes that need to be made to the contract and that it needed to be rebid with those changes. It was agreed, by general consensus to make the following changes and send out bids: daily application records be emailed to us and remove the incentive to be paid on completion by a certain date. Rod announced it was time to renew his vehicle lease and asked the Board if they wanted to do that. Scott R. moved to renew Rod's vehicle lease as it is. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Nathan. Rod reported that there is a Special Districts meeting on January 15th in Casper that a Board member should attend. Dick volunteered to attend if he was able and with Nathan will attend either in Dick's place or with Dick. Rod announced that there will be a Board Member training on February 5th and 6th in Casper. He will contact all board members prior to registration deadline. Rod announced that there was a need for a short executive session to discuss personnel, meeting was adjourned to executive session at 5:50 pm. Chairman Scott Lutterman called the business meeting back to order at 6:00 pm. Rod lead discussion on the equipment operator wages being at \$20 per hour. This will be Kelvins third year as the operator and he has earned a raise. Scott R. moved to give Kelvin a \$1.00 raise and Nathan seconded the passing motion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:05 pm. The next regular business meeting will be February 6th at 4 pm.

