

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD  
MINUTES

January 6, 2022

Members Present: Scott Rogers, Chairman; Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman; Dick Gould, Nathan Williams, Randy Hepp  
Others Present: Rod Litzel, Supervisor; Katie Hepp, District Clerk

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm by Chairman Rogers.

Minutes for the December 2nd meeting were approved with a motion by Dick and a second by Nathan.

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

Randy 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 \$ 10,498.07.
  - All current except \$28.00 in 2020 grasshoppers.
  - Hwy contract overage of \$5,189.22 should get paid.
  - General weeds and Leafy spurge \$4,232.66
  - WyDOT Russian Olive project \$973.43.
  - Rodenticides and other \$74.76.
- Activity update – Rod reported
  - Rod took a week of vacation
  - WyDOT Russian olive project
    - just one day with two people
  - Salt cedar/Russian olive
    - Started the week of December 20<sup>th</sup>
      - Very little progress due to equipment breakdowns
    - Week of December 27<sup>th</sup>
      - Equipment ran good; but, it was extremely cold.
    - Week of January 3<sup>rd</sup>
      - Equipment was over heating and 2 days down for repairs
    - Shoud finish Christian this week
- Prairie Dog Rebates – Rod reported on the status of the outstanding Prairie Dog rebates.
  - Board discussed ideas on how to deal with commercial applicator in regards to inspections
    - Potential to change so that landowners can withhold paying the rebate equivalent until after cleanup, nothing decided
  - Landowner Clint Culliton visited with the Board regarding M&M Services
    - Only 2/3 of the acreage treated on him passed inspections
    - Prairie dogs have reinvested much of areas treated
  - Board told Clint that they are not in a position to enforce the cleanup work
    - ZP treatments are between the landowner and the applicator
    - ZP rebate is between the District and the landowner
    - Board has waived the 3 year rule for the landowners in that area
  - Rod will call Mark Stenson who is still part of M&M Services and have him let Zeb know that he needs to contact the landowners before the end of the month.
- Supervisor search update – Rod reported
  - No applications
  - January 21<sup>st</sup> is the deadline
  - May need to change announcement after that point
- Vehicle lease-
  - Rod reported that he had 6400 miles on his vehicle lease, short 1800 miles
  - There are 3 payments that are unpaid from 2021
    - Rod suggested that if he Board only made one payment then they would be even
  - Nathan moved, seconded by Dick to pay on month, \$700.00, that was deferred from 2021 on Rods vehicle lease. Motion carried

New business:

- Review SMP rules- Rod reviewed the proposed new rules for Special Management Programs.
  - Can be multiple species instead of just two
  - Leafy spurge is still the priority
  - New procedures to add a landowner to a “management zone”
    - Johnson County every landowner is a “management zone”
  - Portions of weed and pest act can be transferred to SMP
    - Bid’s must be obtained for over \$10,000
  - Can use SMP funds for real property; buildings, land, equipment
    - Board feels this money should be used for battling weeds – administration, spraying, rental equipment
    - Board feels it goes against original intent of the funding
  - Nathan moved, seconded by Tyler the Board does not support the use of SMP funds for real property. Motion carried and should not be in the new rule
- Alfalfa weevil management
  - Rod reported that there are reports of resistance to Alfalfa weevil insecticides with different pyrethroid insecticides
  - Insecticide resistance can be managed by rotating insecticides
    - Warrior, Mustang etc are nerve toxins
    - Rotate with insecticide with different mode of action
    - 1 year to break cycle

- Sussex ditch –
  - Rod reported that he had been approached by Kevin Lund of Sussex Irrigation regarding cost share on Russian olive along the ditch.
  - Board discussed the potential for this project to be a part of the federal grant called “Water Smart”.
    - Rod will meet with the Sussex Irrigation Board to discuss what they have in mind and options.
  - Agreed by general consensus to cost share 70/30 on the mix that the Rod uses currently and provide a backpack.
- Kaput/Rozol policy –
  - Rod lead discussion on the current use of Kaput/Rozol
  - Nathan moved, seconded by Tyler limit of 10 bags will be cost shared 70% on Kaput or Rozol if it is used as the primary poison for Prairie dogs. Motion carried

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

**February 3rd at 4 pm**

**Payment Vouchers for Jan 2021**

**General Account**

| <b>Ck. No.</b> | <b>Paid To</b>            | <b>For</b>               | <b>Amount</b> |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 16528          | Scott Rogers              | Board mileage            | 52.20         |
| 16529          | Dick Gould                | Board mileage            | 194.88        |
| 16530          | Tyler Benton              | Board mileage            | 6.96          |
| 16531          | Nathan Williams           | Board mileage            | 70.76         |
| 16532          | Randy Hepp                | Board mileage            | 88.74         |
| 16533          | Culliton Livestock        | 2020 ZP Rebate           | 11,901.50     |
| 16534          | MTR                       | Herbicides               | 5,656.00      |
| 16535          | Cross H Ranch             | Herbicide cost share     | 2,113.13      |
| 16536          | C.N.A. Surety             | Surety bond              | 175.00        |
| 16537          | Warne Chemical            | Customer Order           | 602.00        |
| 16538          | Atlas Premier             | Xerox maint agreement    | 60.60         |
| 16539          | Quill                     | Misc office supplies     | 136.60        |
| 16540          | Buffalo Bulletin          | Public notice            | 69.00         |
| 16541          | Charter Communications    | Long distance & internet | 117.97        |
| 16542          | Ace Hardware              | Misc supplies            | 56.97         |
| 16543          | Big Horn Co-op            | Fuel & supplies          | 206.61        |
| 16544          | Montana Dakota Utilities  | Utilities                | 101.79        |
| 16545          | Dept of Revenue           | Sales tax                | 7.13          |
| 16546          | Rocky Mtn Equipment       | Equipment rental         | 4,090.00      |
| 16547          | City of Buffalo           | Utilities                | 120.10        |
| 16548          | Nimick, Isolina           | Payroll                  | 832.38        |
| Auto           | 941 Taxes                 | Payroll                  | 138.90        |
| 16549          | Chase Credit Card         | Misc                     | 187.03        |
| 16550          | WEX Bank                  | Fuel                     | 1,512.06      |
| 16551          | AT&T                      | Cell phone               | 84.52         |
| 16552          | Rocky Mountain Power      | Utilities                | 58.93         |
| 16553          | Litzel, Rod               | Vehicle lease            | 700.00        |
| 16554          | Corbett, Jeff             | Payroll                  | 2,571.38      |
| 16555          | Read, Kelvin              | Payroll                  | 3,134.63      |
| 16556          | Wy Dept of Workforce Serv | Workers comp             | 209.77        |
| Auto           | EFPTS                     | 941 taxes                | 1,625.10      |

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**Leafy Spurge Account**

|      |                           |               |          |
|------|---------------------------|---------------|----------|
| 5150 | Hepp, Katie               | Payroll       | 2,861.00 |
| 5151 | Litzel, Rod               | Payroll       | 2,960.08 |
| 5152 | Hepp, Katie               | Insurance     | 143.25   |
| 5153 | Great West Financial      | Deferred comp | 2,606.75 |
| 5154 | Wy Retirement             | Retirement    | 1,725.44 |
| 5155 | Wy Dept of Workforce Serv | Workers comp  | 253.01   |
| Auto | EFPTS                     | 941 taxes     | 2,442.16 |