

MINUTES

January 8, 2019

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman  
Scott Rogers  
Tyler Benton  
Nathan Williams

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor  
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the December 6th meeting were approved with a motion by Scott R. 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. Scott R. 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.

Old Business:

Rod presented the bids for the skid steer; \$ 9,500.01 from Rob Stafford and \$ 10,055.00 from Chad Straight. Scott R. moved to accept the bid for \$10,055.00. Rod reported that he had made a few calls regarding grasshoppers. Rod gave an activity update on the Salt Cedar. They began yesterday mulching on Kennedy for approximately a week and then will move to Streeter. Rod reported his December hours. Rod gave an update on the Wyoming Association of Special Districts, they are working on building membership with a budget of \$6000 with primary focus at this time of Board Training and the proposed public records legislation. Rod attended the Cemetary Board meeting and gave them information regarding WASD. Rod lead discussion on the Wyoming and Special District Records Acts, the proposed legislation regarding them, and the pros and cons of membership into WASD. Rod introduced Sam Reinke to the board and Chairman Lutterman presented him with the "Outstanding Seasonal Employee for 2018". Rod told the Board that he had submitted a workers comp claim on his elbow that he injured while doing the fall salt cedar spraying off the ATV. It will likely require surgery and probably no ATV spraying until the end of July. The possibility of a new building was discussed with size, floor plans, location, etc. It was agreed by general consensus to move forward by getting an idea of prices for the different options from one of the pole building contractors.

New Business:

Rod reported that he was approached by the Forest Service to have a "Bag a weed bounty program" like a couple other districts have done where people can get paid for pulling and bagging certain weeds prior to seed set. At this point, the Forest Service is willing to contribute funds if the district will administer the program. This program would include the public, Forest Service, Game & Fish, State Lands and the District. Scott R. moved to contribute \$1,000 to the "Bag a Weed" and to implement the program. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Tyler. Rod reported the Weed & Pest Council has again hired a lobbyist for this legislative session and in particular, the Council is asking to restore funding at \$700,000 for State Lands, with an additional \$150,000 for new invasive grasses. The Council also needs representation and Rod would like to attend along with a couple other Supervisors, the Board agreed it was a good idea and thus allow the time expenses to do so. Rod reminded the Board that the WyDOT contract will have to be rebid and that he will send them out due the next meeting. Rod told the Board that he had purchased a UTV 50 gallon sprayer from Warne Chemical's winter sale to replace the 75 gallon sprayer currently being used. Rod asked the Board to give some thought to selling it or using it as a loaner; will be decided at a later date.

Other:

Rod lead discussion on renewing his vehicle lease. Nathan moved to renew Rod's vehicle lease as it is. Motion passed after a second from Tyler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:35 pm. The next regular business meeting will be February 7th at 4:00 pm.

