

MINUTES

June 30, 2021

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Rogers, Chairman
Dick Gould
Tyler Benton
Nathan Williams
Randy Hepp

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Rogers. Minutes for the June 3rd meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for June were reviewed. Randy moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds for June. Tyler 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 Nathan.

Under old business, Rod gave a report on accounts receivable, total outstanding to date is \$ 3,071.05. The outstanding bills are for sterilant work on county entities, some 2020 grasshopper, one 2019 grasshopper payment and a couple of customer orders. Rod gave an activity report. Mark with Frontier started the first part of June spraying Leafy spurge and had to be at another job on June 20th; but, completed Powder River and Crazy Woman before leaving; Jim with Frontier did some Leafy spurge and then went to Kaycee to spray Scotch thistle at Taylors and TTT; Shay with Reno Air has finished Leafy spurge spraying at Landeck and up Clear Creek and Tony with 307 Aviation is spraying Tall larkspur on the mountain. The foot crew has been spraying larkspur on the mountain and hopefully will finish tomorrow. Places are looking good where they have been sprayed before; but, it maybe due to the second dry year affecting growth. There are 5 on the foot crew one, lost one by mutual agreement. It is a challenge this year without any returning crew members. The contract crews are going good. Sam's crew is on the mountain getting a lot covered. Rod told the Board that his ATV had rolled off a cliff destroying it and the Districts tank that was on it. Rod announced that the University of Wyoming is hiring a new weed specialist. Rod got to sit in on presentations from four candidates. It was very interesting to be a part of it. Rod explained that the job breakdown is 50% extension, 25% research and 25% classroom. Rod reported that grasshoppers are blowing up on the mountain. APHIS has gotten 20 to 40 counts in that area. It was difficult to find someone that could get it sprayed; but, found HeliWorks out of Montana to do the job. There will be between 12,000 to 15,000 treated acres in two blocks with some of that being in Washakie County. There is a little BLM money; but, it is unknown if there will be any State funds for the approximate 1,000 acres of State lands. Rod projected the cost to be \$4.50 per treated acre. It was agreed by general consensus to charge the landowner \$2.00 per treated acre. Rod announced that the flatbeds had been moved and are being stored at the south end of the building and asked the Board if they wanted to sell keep them. Nathan moved to sell the 7x9 flatbed for \$500. Motion passed unanimously after a second from Tyler. Rod reported that he and Chairman Rogers had met with the County Commissioners regarding the budget. They are happy with the budget. Rod has talked with the Commissioners regarding the valuation. It is expected to be at \$247,000 per mil with \$223,000 of that being "collectable". For FY 20/21 the collectable amount was \$255,000. The District may have to move funds for reserves. The budget hearing is set for July 8th, 7 pm at the Harold Jarrard Park in Kaycee. Rod lead discussion on the Board Tour set for that day. Andrew, Crook County Supervisor, will be bringing his drone to do a tour of the Salt cedar/Russian olive project last winter on Reculosa Ranch and BLM of what was done and what is to come. Rod announced that he has not heard back regarding the Eco Paks. Katie reported that there has been approximately 2960 pounds of weeds brought in to date, mostly Houndstongue and at the Weed Pull Day resulted in 1246 pounds pulled.

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

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August 5th at 5 pm

General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
16341	52.20	16367	188.18	16393	1,296.76
16342	129.92	16368	272.82	16394	700.00
16343	6.96	16369	1,406.25	16395	500.00
16344	141.52	16370	9,601.25	16396	379.84
16345	88.74	16371	28,253.75	Auto	2,762.58
16346	2,801.65	16372	1,224.00		
16347	1,750.61	16373	2,273.40		
16348	712.71	16374	1,172.73		
16349	3,895.92	16375	67,418.83		
16350	3,700.78	16376	Void		
16351	1,324.24	16377	302.02		
16352	568.88	Auto	60.22		
16353	2,816.99	16378	200.47		
16354	1,151.11	16379	110.13		
16355	1,219.31	16380	48.24		
16356	700.00	16381	23.41		
16357	464.01	16382	1,272.07		
16358	2,285.99	16383	158.40		
16359	688.30	16384	91.35		
16360	194.54	16385	39,000.00		
16361	1,856.37	16386	2,000.00		
Auto	5,750.34	16387	1,113.29		
16362	500.00	16388	2,736.58		
16363	Void	16389	3,854.62		
16364	135.49	16390	743.42		
16365	266.97	16391	2,690.06		
16366	590.05	16392	948.91		

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UMM 901015

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
586	20,000.00	795	35,000.00
587	10,000.00	796	30,000.00

Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
5092	705.09	5104	17,937.50	5117	574.41
5093	947.51	5105	9,525.00	5118	1,363.23
5094	449.29	5106	20,000.00	5119	1,357.30
5095	1,109.21	5107	50,000.00	5120	2,942.08
5096	1,041.02	5108	100,000.00	5121	2,285.99
5097	1,217.84	5109	28,022.76	5122	464.01
5098	184.01	5110	29,088.00	5123	460.70
5099	32.71	5111	97,539.60	5124	1,725.44
5100	288.99	5112	1,069.24	Auto	3,410.70
Auto	1,232.76	5113	Void		
5101	void	5114	2,857.00		
5102	4,515.75	5115	Void		
5103	17,623.75	5116	1,076.88		