

MINUTES

June 4, 2020

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Vice Chairman Rogers. Minutes for the May 7th meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for May were reviewed. Approval of May financial statements was delayed until the next meeting due to an error. Nathan 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 Dick.

Under old business, Rod reported on the activity for the month of May; part of the crews started spraying on Whitetop which is at its peak and Leafy Spurge is just getting started. He has hired 8 backpackers, 3 on county road crew, Rick Pallister for grasshoppers, 4 contract crews and 4 helicopters. The road crew is very efficient and the backpack crew is getting there. Rick Pallister and APHIS are doing a lot of grasshopper surveys and APHIS is going to contract next week. The District Hopeer contract crew is supposed to start in the next few days. A few areas that are signed up are not seeing grasshoppers yet, lower Crazy Woman is bad and it is looking like not many areas in the county will be ruled out for spraying. Rick Pallister stopped by and gave a report on what he has been finding. He collected 100+ per meter at Hepp Livestock in Barnum and there is a "hot strip" at Powder River and near mountain. Rod reported that he attended a virtual meeting with the Natural Resources Planning. It appears to be a lot of "fluffing up" regarding forced agreement with federal government. They need to start with a long range plan. The Weed Bounty had its first weeds weighed today with a kick off of almost 400 lbs of Houndstongue.

There was no new business. Rod reminded the Board that the CDs would not be up until August and Board agreed to stick with the plan to rebid CDs in the winter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:30 pm. The next regular business meeting and year end meeting will be June 30th at 10:30 am.

