

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD
MINUTES

November 4, 2021

Members Present: Scott Rogers, Chairman; Dick Gould, Tyler Benton, Randy Hepp

Others Present: Rod Litzel, Supervisor; Katie Hepp, District Clerk

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Rogers.

Minutes for the October 7th meeting were approved with a motion by Tyler and a second by Randy.

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

Dick moved, seconded by Tyler 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 \$ 67,854.31 which are all current except \$28.00 in 2020 grasshoppers.
- Activity update - Rod reported for October
 - Rod was gone for part of the month
 - Finished billing
 - Rod took the jugs to Gillette for recycling. The company that was hired took care of three counties jugs in approximately a half hour.
- Prairie Dog Rebates – Rod reported on the status of the outstanding Prairie Dog rebates.
 - Contractor spoke with Rod and said that he would start cleanup in early October.
 - Clint Culliton reported that he spoke with M&M Services and they wanted to do cleanup around the 15th of October which does not work for landowner.
 - Rod and Clint have again been unable to get a response from Zeb. Clint asked if there was anything that the Board could do to get this taken care of.
 - Board discussed
 - Clean up consisted of approximately 1400 acres and is now reinfested
 - Should the contractor now have to pay for ZP Oats on the cleanup work
 - The weather was good in October for cleanup; but, is now changing
 - Board agreed to not charge M&M Services for ZP Oats on the clean up work that needs done; but, they will have to pre-pay for ZP Oats in the future.
 - Board agreed that their was no action that they could take.
- Fall Conference – Rod announced that fall conference will be Nov 2-4 in Cheyenne
 - Was a very interesting presentations and conference
 - Declared Species all passed
 - Discussion on moving State Lands funding to Department of Ag and all funding would go through SAC.
 - Rod will talk to Senator Kinskey
 - It is unknown at this time how the funding will stream to WDA and as such may not fix the overall problem within State Lands funding requests to the legislature.
 - Approved contract with lobbyist.
 - Education Committee resolution for funding
 - Hit a tender spot with lots of people regarding accountability and budgeting.
 - Approved for one time funding.
 - Transparency
 - Committee budgets should be part of the council budget
 - Working to clean up and have them be a part of the council budget
 - Enforcement
 - How other States handle request to enforce invasive specie control.
 - Next year Area 1 will hold Fall Conference.
- Planning –
 - Position Announcement was read, discussed and edited.
 - Announcement will be posted around the end of November.
 - Job Description was read and discussed.
 - Board discussed having a site tour for candidates before interviews.
- ATV rates-
 - Rod presented the cost on the Honda 500 as requested.
 - Discussion on ATV rates, hours used and cost.
 - Tyler moved, seconded by Randy raise the ATV rate to \$22.00 and the billable rate to \$32.00. Motion carried.

New business:

- Salt Cedar Plans– Rod reported on the Salt Cedar Plan
 - Landowners include Kinchen, Streeter, Urruty and Christian.
 - Rod reported that he approached Scott Hokanson with WYDOT to do a Russian Olive removal project in the ROW at Kaycee.
 - WYDOT has project dollars and will provide a dump truck and loader for removal.
 - Projected start date of December 13th with just one rental machine.
 - Rod will get equipment quote from Rocky Mountain Equipment and line up.
 - Kelvin will run the cutter and so far Rod has two sprayers.
 - Randy moved, seconded by Tyler to give Kelvin a \$.50 per hour raise since it is his 5th year. Motion carried.

Other business:

- Christmas cards–
 - Board agreed by general consensus to send Christmas cards.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted Katie J. Hepp JCWP District Clerk

See You at the Next Board Meeting

December 2 at 5 pm

Payment Vouchers for Nov 2021

General Account

Ck. No.	Paid To	For	Amount
16493	Wilbur Ellis	ZP Oats	1,584.00
16494	Atlas Premier Services	Xerox maint agree	115.03
16495	Scimetrics	Kaput-D	6,602.80
16496	JC Farm Bureau	Membership	40.00
16497	Charter Communications	LD and internet	117.97
16498	ACE	Misc supplies	62.95
16499	Montana Dakota Utilities	Utilities	41.04
16500	US Postal Service	Stamps	174.00
16501	Rocky Mtn Power	Utilities	46.98
16502	City of Buffalo	Utilities	120.10
16503	Chase Card	Misc	476.27
16504	AT&T	Utilities	85.18

Payment Vouchers for Nov 2021

Leafy Spurge Account

5143	Hepp, Katie	Payroll	2,857.00
5144	Litzel, Rod	Payroll	2,942.08
5145	Great West Financial	Payroll	2,285.99
5146	Hepp-Insurance	Payroll	464.01
5147	Wy Retirement	Payroll	1,725.44
5148	Wy Workers Comp	Payroll	253.01
Auto	941 Taxes	Payroll	2,464.16