

MINUTES

November 1, 2018

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman
Scott Rogers
Dick Gould
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 September 29th meeting were approved with a motion by Scott R. and a second by Dick. Financial Statements for October were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Nathan 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 Scott R.

Old Business:

Rod gave his report on time for October. It was agreed by general consensus that comp time will be paid out at the end of the fiscal year rather than the calendar year at 1.5 for full time employees. Rod reported that fall conference will be held in Casper, November 6-8 and reviewed the schedule; Tues committee meetings and presentations will be held, Wed morning is the first business meeting regarding reports, resolutions and in the afternoon presentations regarding public records, grasshoppers and round table discussions for Board members. On Thursday morning will be the final business meeting. It was agreed by general consensus to have Chairman Lutterman appoint Nathan Williams as voting delegate with Rod Litzel being the alternate. Rod presented the resolutions: Area 2 regarding certified hay standards, yes; Audit committee regarding not having a committee but, have one appointed person to collect information, yes; Set standard for dealing with public records request, base vote on discussion; Declared weeds & pest: Converse- Pocket gophers; Fremont-Dames rocket and Pocket gophers; Goshen- Marestail, Palmer amarunth, Pocket gophers; Johnson- Hoary allysum; Natrona- Pocket gophers; Niobrara- Hoary allysum, ?weed and Deptford pink; Sweetwater- Wild oats, vote yes on all. Rod lead discussion on a draft statute change by Crook County Attorney regarding inverse condemnation. It would open up the statue and potentially open it up for other part of the law to be looked at, need some assurance that this would not happen. The Board agreed that the voting delegate listen to discussion and make informed decision. Rod reported that he had attended the Conservation District tour and that it went pretty well. Senator Kinskey attended and was surprised by the size of the Ventenata problem and is interested in working to get more funding for State lands. Rod reported that the Wyoming Association of Special Districts had held an executive meeting to define core functions. Board agreed to adopt a "watch and see" stand for now. Rod reminded the Board that it was time to look into replacing the skid steer for one with more capacity. Board asked Rod to present bids at the next meeting.

New Business:

Rod reminded the Board that Dick and Tyler's appointments are up in January if they wish to renew. Rod presented another public records request and reported that he had talked to the auditor. He has a call into the county attorney; but, has not heard back. Rod presented needs for changes in the policy and procedure manual, the Board agreed by general consensus to make the following changes: Comp time for the Clerk taken by end of calendar year changed to end of fiscal year; sick leave and vacation/personal time paid out when employee retires defined as: vested in the Wyoming Retirement System.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 5:40 pm. The next regular business meeting will be December 6th at 4:00 pm.

