



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401
Conference Room – Brown County Courthouse Basement
605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133

Present: Duane Jark, Bill Donaldson, Tyler Bierman, Drew Dennert
Absent: Troy Knecht

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the February minutes, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Bill Donaldson motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Appoint President & Vice President

Bill Donaldson was nominated for President and Troy Knecht was nominated for Vice President. Tyler Bierman motioned that nominations cease and that they be elected by unanimous vote, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Spraying Costs for 2023

Chris Hemen passed around a list of the current prices for private, township, and mosquito spraying. There was no motion to change the prices.

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update

2023 Weed & Pest Conference – the conference went over very well. We had a lot of good speakers and had a lot of good discussions. After the conference, we went to the Federal Surplus warehouse in Huron to look for a replacement vehicle for our oldest mosquito fogger truck. Next year's conference will be in Spearfish.

Seasonal Employee – there was some interest expressed in a seasonal employee. We could definitely use more help at the shop so Chris Hemen will check with the commission to see if we can get someone.

Chemical Bid – the bid has been submitted and should be published this week. Bids will be opened in 2 weeks. Chris Hemen will make sure our vendors are aware of this once it is published.

Other Matters

Jeremiah Phelps with the Department of Ag and Natural Resources stopped by and gave a quick update on yellow toadflax bio control. Chris Hemen was approved for a \$2000 competitive grant for release of stem mining weevils (*mecinus janthinus*).

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest conference room in the courthouse basement.

Drew Dennert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CH", is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Hemen
Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor