



## BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

*25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401*

*Brown County Weed & Pest Shop, 10 S Congress St.*

*605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133*

Present: Dennis Wiedebush, Duane Jark, Tyler Bierman, Dennis Feickert

Absent: Troy Knecht

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

Dennis Wiedebush motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Dennis Feickert motioned to approve the July minutes, seconded by Dennis Wiedebush, motion carried.

Duane Jark motioned to approve bills, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

none

### **New Business:**

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update:

Round 3 of right-of-way spraying is under way. We're starting in the south end of the county and working our way north. We also have 8 townships signed up for fall spraying.

Chris Hemen attended the Weed & Pest Association meeting in Brookings on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. The following day, all Weed & Pest employees partook in the fall weed tour in the Brookings area. We toured the SDSU test plots, Aqua Tech, the Ward exit pollinator site, a wormwood test site, and the SDSU Raven Precision Ag Center.

We had the fair in August and attendance at the booth seemed to be slightly lower than previous years, but we still had a lot of visitors and a lot of good questions. We had help manning the booth from the Dept. of Ag & Natural Resources, Michael Schwingler from McPherson County, and Nathan Mueller from Grant County. Chris Hemen travelled to Huron to help with the weed booth at the state fair for a day.

The weed shop still doesn't have email or Quickbooks, so we haven't been able to send out bills yet this year. Chris Hemen will check with the treasurer's office to see if he can manually type up bills just so something gets sent out. The enforcement for William Welk at SW quarter of section 26, Township 125, Range 65 was carried out and recorded with the ROD.

### **Other Matters**

Jeremiah Phelps with the Department of Ag & Natural Resources met to discuss biological control for yellow toadflax. He and Chris Hemen are travelling to a pasture in Brown County to monitor a release of weevils after the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30AM in the Brown County Weed & Pest shop.

Dennis Feickert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Wiedebush, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Chris Hemen

Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor