



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401
Brown County Weed & Pest Office – 10 S. Congress St.
605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133

Present: Duane Jark, Tyler Bierman, Dennis Feickert
Absent: Troy Knecht, Bill Donaldson

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

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

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

Dennis Feickert motioned to approve the bills from July and August, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update:

Chris Hemen gave a recap of the Brown County Fair booth. Attendance was about the same as last year, but still down from 4 or 5 years ago. Being in the Odde Arena seems to give us fewer visitors than we had on the Expo side.

Chris Hemen also helped out at the state fair booth in Huron on Labor day.

Webster Ag students were given a field tour of the Summit fen on Sept. 12th and Chris Hemen helped with that. He would like to do something similar for area schools in Brown County if there is interest.

Round 3 of right-of-way spraying has started and we're about half done already. The wind is coming up more frequently, but we'll be starting on townships hopefully next week if the weather cooperates.

The District 1 meeting of the SD Association of Weed & Pest Boards will be in Stratford on November 2nd. Chris Hemen will arrange the meal with Gary Prible and help with setup and tear down.

Chris Hemen is considering applying for a competitive grant to continue the work the DANR has done on bio control for yellow toadflax in Brown County. This will help establish an insectary which can be utilized for collections and help neighboring counties with control of yellow toadflax. We are also still working with the SDSU Ag Extension office on a test plot for lawn control of toadflax in Aberdeen.

We are looking at placing an order this week for chemical to get us through this year and most of next year.

Other Matters

none

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest Control shop.

Dennis Feickert 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