



## BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Brown County Weed & Pest Office

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Present: Duane Jark (phone), Tyler Bierman, Bill Donaldson

Absent: Dennis Feickert, Troy Knecht,

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

### Old Business:

none

### New Business:

2023 Grant Applications

Chris Hemen stated he would like to apply for a \$2000 competitive grant through the Dept. of Ag. & Natural Resources to work on biological control for yellow toadflax in Brown County. Bill Donaldson made a motion that the weed board apply for the grant, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

### Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update:

The Weed & Pest shop is all closed up for the season. Chris Hemen is back in the State's Attorney's office for the winter. Mike Rohrbach and Jerry Lehrkamp are both back in the highway shop. Hemen also wanted to thank Aberdeen Parks and Rec for helping us store our chemical in a heated shop over the winter.

The District 1 meeting for the SD Association of Weed & Pest Boards was held in Stratford on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with all Brown County Weed & Pest employees in attendance. Bill Donaldson also attended and gave an update. He stated it was very informative.

Brown County has been working with Aberdeen's code enforcement officer, Paula Nelson, regarding some noxious weed complaints within the city limits. Paula has also been a big help to the Weed & Pest shop in regards to some other noxious weed concerns we've had and helped us arrange for a test plot for yellow toadflax that is being conducted by SDSU.

Chris Hemen met with the Brown County Commissioners this morning to give them an update on how things went for the year. He stated he appreciates that we have a commission that understands the importance of having a dedicated Weed & Pest program for the county.

### Other Matters

Local Noxious Weed Designation

The designation for yellow toadflax and bull thistle as local noxious weeds is expiring in 2023. Tyler Bierman motioned that we request the SD Weed & Pest Commission designate yellow toadflax and bull thistle as local noxious weeds for Brown County. Seconded by Bill Donaldson, motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30AM at Mavericks Steakhouse.

Tyler Bierman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bill Donaldson, 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