



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Weed & Pest Shop – 10 S Congress St.

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Present: Duane Jark, Bill Donaldson, Tyler Bierman

Absent: Troy Knecht, Drew Dennert

Bill Donaldson called the meeting to order.

Duane Jark motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Duane Jark motioned to approve the May minutes, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Duane Jark, motion carried.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update

All employees of the Weed & Pest Dept. attended a plant ID tour in the Veblen area on June 15th. The purpose was to learn about plant diversity in native pastures, preserving native grasses, and how to safely incorporate proper grazing practices without damaging the land. It was very interesting.

There is a flea beetle collection scheduled on June 22nd in Roberts County, weather permitting. Brown County is planning on attending.

The mecinus janthinus weevils (yellow toadflax bio-control agents) we purchased with a \$2000 cost share grant from the Dept. of Ag. and Natural Resources were released on June 1st. We did 9 releases in Brown County and 6 in Edmunds county on some state land. We will continue to monitor the sites throughout the year.

We are currently working on county right-of-way spraying. The wind has been an issue on some days, but we're more concerned about the dry weather. We have also sprayed 2 townships so far, one of which is in Edmunds County as they didn't have any other options for spraying their ditches. A couple of private jobs have been done so far this spring, and we have also started mosquito fogging 3 weeks ago. In addition to our usual routes, we were also contacted by the city of Frederick to control mosquitos for them. Chris Hemen attended the association meeting for Northwood 2 weeks ago to answer some questions they had regarding mosquito control. He also gave them one of our old mosquito traps so they could do some monitoring on their own.

The old mosquito fogger is being put up for surplus, along with the ATV, 2 old injection units, and a 20 foot boom sprayer we no longer use. Chris Hemen is waiting to hear back from Jark Worlie Auctions to find out when we can add those items to an existing auction.

The budget for 2024 has been submitted and Chris Hemen is meeting with the commissioners next week to go over it. The only addition he put on was \$10,500 for a new data logger system and \$3,052 for a new Raven monitor to replace one we think might be going out.

Other Matters

none.

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

Tyler Bierman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Duane Jark, 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