



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 11:30 AM

25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Weed & Pest Shop – 10 S. Congress St., Aberdeen, SD

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Present: Duane Jark, Troy Knecht, Dennis Feickert, Tyler Bierman

Absent: Drew Dennert

Troy Knecht called the meeting to order.

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

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

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

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update:

Brown County Fair Update – the foot traffic seemed to be higher this year than last year. We had a lot of questions on controlling weeds (thistle and wormwood seemed to be the biggest concerns). We also had an individual from Brown County bring in a sample of purple loosestrife that they said they bought in Sioux Falls several years ago as a sterile ornamental. She's going to see if it's producing any viable seeds and let me know if it does.

State Fair Update – Chris Hemen worked the Weed & Pest booth in Huron on the last day of the state fair. Traffic seemed to be a lot less than previous years on the last day.

SD Weed & Pest Commission Tour – The state Weed & Pest commission had their fall meeting in Aberdeen on September 10th, and did a tour of Brown County on the 11th. We toured the leafy spurge test plot next to the storage units by Wylie Park, the Brown County Landfill, the Presentation Sisters' Prairie restoration area, and the Aberdeen Wastewater Treatment Facility. There was a lot of good feedback and everyone especially enjoyed breaking stuff at the landfill. Big thanks to Mike Scott for setting all of that up for us.

Weeds to Watch – While spraying the Mina lagoon, we discovered several mullein plants. Mike and Jerry sprayed those, and they all seemed to be on the Edmunds County side of the landfill, but we're keeping an eye out for any others that may pop up. There also seems to be more yellow toadflax than usual on the state highways this year. We're spraying the spots as we find them to prevent any new infestations. Plus we're mapping all the spots we find. A couple more we're watching for are wild parsnip and poison hemlock. We've noticed a few patches popping up around Aberdeen and in the James River Valley.

Spraying – We're still fogging and misting for mosquitos, but expect that to end in the next week or two. We also have a few private spray jobs lined up that we're hoping to get in before it freezes. We've started on townships and county ROW fall spraying. We sprayed Cortlandt Township in Edmunds County and found a fairly large sized infestation of yellow toadflax. Chris Hemen will report that to the Edmunds Co. Supervisor to see if they can get the landowner to control it.

Other Matters

none

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest 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 Hemen".

Chris Hemen

Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor