



**BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 15, 2024 at 11:30 AM**  
**25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401**  
**Brown County Courthouse Community Room, Aberdeen, SD**  
**605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133**

Present: Duane Jark, Drew Dennert, Tyler Bierman  
Absent: Troy Knecht, Dennis Feickert

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

Drew Dennert motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the October minutes, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried

**Old Business:**

none

**New Business:**

**FY 2026 Weed & Pest Grants**

Grants for FY 2026 have been sent in and Chris Hemen got confirmation that the applications were received in Pierre. He put in for 2 competitive grants: one for bio control on yellow toadflax, and one for mapping and spraying of yellow toadflax. He also put in for the contractual grant.

**Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update**

The shop is closed up for the season. Mike and Jerry are back at the highway shop and Chris is back in the State's Attorney's office. We were able to spray all of the townships that signed up for spraying at the annual township meeting, plus a couple more. We went through most of the chemical we order in the fall, so we're going to be running out next spring and will have to order more.

Chris Hemen met with the FSA office on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He discussed some of the challenges the county Weed & Pest department has with enforcements, and learned how FSA handles weed infestations on CRP. Everyone agreed that we could work together and try coordinating on enforcement and weed control efforts.

**Other Matters**

none

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30AM at Santo Tequila Restaurant at 2411 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SE in Aberdeen.

Drew Dennert 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