



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401

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

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Present: Dennis Feickert, Tyler Bierman, Drew Dennert

Absent: Troy Knecht, Landon Ellingson

Dennis Feickert called the meeting to order.

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

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the September 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:

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update

The Brown County Commission voted and approved Landon Ellingson to be the new Weed Board Member, filling the vacancy left by Duane Jark.

The Commission also approved the budget for 2026, which includes funding for a new spray truck. Chris Hemen is looking at a few different options to get a spray rig put together as cost effectively as possible. We plan on starting fabrication sometime next spring.

The weather has been letting us get a few longer days of spraying in, which has helped get us caught up from the summer. All the townships that signed up for spraying have been treated. We have a few more days of spraying to do on county ROW before that will be completed, but we're making fast progress. Once ROW is completed, we plan on starting our bareground pre-emerge treatment for bridges, rip-rap, the highway shop, and the landfill. Bareground treatment this last spring wasn't very effective so we want to get a good jump on it for next spring. Hemen talked with a few other counties and they seemed to have the same problem with pre-emerge having poor control, possibly due to the heavy rains we had in the spring. After that, we'll start winterizing equipment. Mike and Jerry will be going back to the highway shop and Hemen will be going to the State's Attorney's office for the winter. We're looking at November 7th as our tentative last day.

Other Matters

None

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest Office in the basement of the courthouse annex (25 Market Street).

Tyler Bierman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Hemen

Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor