



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 1:00PM
25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401
Conference Room – Brown County Courthouse Basement
605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133

Present: , Dennis Feickert, Drew Dennert, Troy Knecht
Absent: Landon Ellingson, Tyler Bierman

Dennis Feickert called the meeting to order.

Drew Dennert motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Troy Knecht, motion carried.

Troy Knecht motioned to approve the February minutes, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried.

Troy Knecht motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Drew Dennert, motion carried

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Elect Board President and VP for 2026

Dennis Feickert nominated Troy Knecht for President. There were no other nominations. Troy Knecht motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Troy Knecht, second by Dennis Feickert, motion passed.

Drew Dennert nominated Tyler Bierman for Vice President. There were no other nominations. Drew Dennert motioned that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Tyler Bierman, second by Drew Dennert, motion passed.

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update

The annual Weed & Pest Conference was in Deadwood 3 weeks ago and all three employees from the Weed & Pest Department attended. Overall the conference went very well. Chris Hemen did a presentation on the Weed & Pest Control Department and also did 2 other presentations on our yellow toadflax grants. He also ordered some supplies (200 feet of 1/2" spray hose for one of the trucks and 2 hand-gun style spray nozzles) from a local vendor there to save some money on freight.

Chris Hemen also attended the Watertown farm show and volunteered at the booth 4 weeks ago. It was a good show but traffic seemed lower than normal.

Hemen is getting ready to put the chemical bid together for 2026 and is hoping to have that published in 2 weeks. He's waiting on an email regarding some questions he had on long term kochia control.

Other Matters/Public Comment

Tyler Stadel from NRCS, Jennifer Bjorgaard from FSA, Jeremiah Phelps from DANR, and Noah Hazard from USF&W were all in attendance to present at the annual township meeting which was happening right after the Weed & Pest Board meeting. They introduced themselves and gave a brief update on what they would be talking about.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 11:00AM in the Weed & Pest Shop if weather is permitting. If not, it will be held in the Weed & Pest office.

Landon Ellingson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Drew Dennert, 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