



Noxious Weeds

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South Dakota Weed/Pest Control Program

ANNUAL BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

March 26, 2013

Eagles Nest - located in the ARCC

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Present: Troy Knecht, Duane Jark, Dennis Wiedebush, Mark Hoven, Rachel Kippley and Mike Rohrbach- Weed Supervisor.

Troy Knecht called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, introduced the Weed Board and Supervisor, and proceeded with the meeting.

The 2012 minutes were gone over. Duane Jark noted that the 2012 meeting minutes were incorrect in that Duane Jark called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone, introduced the Weed Board and proceeded with the meeting. The 2012 minutes stated that Dennis Wiedebush called the meeting to order. There was a motion on the floor to amend the minutes with a correction on the names. Wayne Holt made a motion to amend the minutes and Mark Hoven, seconded, motion carried.

There was a motion by Duane Jark and seconded by Dennis Wiedebush to accept the amended minutes.

The new 2013 Weed & Pest Board President/Chairman, Mark Hoven was appointed and Dennis Wiedebush was appointed as the Vice President.

Brenda Sievers with the South Dakota Department of Ag announced that Brown County Weed & Pest has qualified for grant which will be more than \$5,000.00 based on extra funding from other counties that did not qualify for a full grant. The grant can be used with a 50/50 cost share basis for chemical, promo items, radio ads and seasonal labor. The exact amount shall be determined in April.

Mike Rohrbach presented a summary of 2012 acres sprayed. It was noted that Brown County Weed and Pest sprayed twelve townships and twenty-eight private accounts as well as all county roads. Brown County Weed and Pest also sprayed thirteen different accounts for mosquitos. A leafy spurge bug collection day was held in 2012 and information was handed out at the Weed and Pest Booth at the Brown County Fair.

Mike Rohrbach reviewed the chemical costs and labor and equipment fees for the Townships for the upcoming 2013 season. It was noted that the chemical costs would be similar to last year. Labor and equipment rates will be \$55.00 per hour. It was also noted that Brown County Weed and Pest spot spray where there are noxious weeds problems with three right of way trucks.

Mike introduced the Weed & Pest employees; Bob Retzer, Merv Heaton and Jerry Lehrkamp, are the weed sprayer/operators, Tina McLeod, administrative assistant (not present).

Duane Jark presented the budget. Duane noted the amount expended in 2012 and the amount approved in 2013.

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