



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, April 15, 2025
25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401
Community Room – Brown County Courthouse Basement
605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133

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

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the February minutes, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Dennis Feickert motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Elect Board President and VP for 2025

Duane Jark nominated Dennis Feickert for Weed Board President. Having no other nominations, Duane Jark motioned that nominations cease and Dennis be elected by unanimous ballot. Seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Dennis Feickert nominated Tyler Bierman for Weed Board Vice President. Having no other nominations, Duane Jark motioned that nominations cease and Tyler be elected by unanimous ballot. Seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update

The Weed & Pest shop is opened up again with Mike and Jerry returning from the highway shop. We're working on getting things organized and cleaned up. We have mosquito fogger calibration on the 24th so we'll get the foggers all fired up and primed.

Chris Hemen attended a mosquito workshop at the Best Western 3 weeks ago. It was a good refresher, but the weather kept most people from attending (only 6 out of 40 made it).

Chris Hemen also attended an Endangered Species Mitigation meeting 4 weeks ago. It reviewed EPA guidelines that will be changing in the next 5 to 15 years. It's going to be a point based system to determine if pesticide can be applied in certain areas or not. It's still in the planning stage so criteria will most likely be changing.

Other Matters

Jennifer Bjorgaard from FSA, Tyler Stadel from NRCS, and Cacey Dornbusch also from NRCS were present at today's meeting. We discussed how FSA and NRCS could work with the Weed & Pest Department to help inspect and enforce noxious weed control issues on CRP. Chris Hemen stated he was looking forward to building on our relationship and working together going forward. Tyler Stadel also gave an update on CRP contracts and what is required for noxious weed control. The Weed & Pest Board had a lot of good questions for them and hope to see representatives from NRCS and FSA attend more meetings going forward.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest shop at 10 North Congress St.

Tyler Bierman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Duane Jark, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Hemen
Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor