



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Lager's Inn – 20 3rd Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD

605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133

Present: Dennis Feickert, Tyler Bierman, Drew Dennert, Landen Ellingson

Absent: Tyler Bierman

Also in Attendance: Jeremiah Phelps – DANR, Tyler Stadel - NRCS

Dennis Feickert called the meeting to order.

Troy Knecht motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Landen Ellingson, motion carried.

Drew Dennert motioned to approve the October minutes, seconded by Landen Ellingson, motion carried.

Troy Knecht motioned to approve the bills, seconded by Landen Ellingson, motion carried.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update

Everything is closed up at the shop and all equipment has been winterized. Mike Rohrbach and Jerry Lehrkamp are both at the Highway Shop and Chris Hemen is back at the State's Attorney's Office. We had a very productive last two months at the shop and were able to spray all the townships that signed up, all of our private spray accounts, and all of the county ROW. We were also able to do a fall pre-emerge spray for bridges and rip-rap, so that should give us a little bit of a head start for 2026. Hemen has completed and submitted the Inspection Summary required by the state. Next month, he will complete the required fiscal report and Supervisor's report due by the end of January.

Chris Hemen applied for the FY2027 contractual grant and also applied for a \$1,000 competitive grant to continue mapping and spraying toadflax.

Noxious Weed Request

Any new requests and renewals for locally noxious weeds need to be submitted to the South Dakota Weed & Pest Control Commission by January 23rd. Brown County doesn't have any that are expiring this year. Hemen mentioned to the Board that we may want to consider adding common mullein to the list sometime in the near future as it has been spotted on the Brown/Edmunds County border. After some discussion, it was decided to not add it to the list this year, but perhaps next year.

Other Matters

Tyler Stadel said he didn't have any updates from NRCS.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest Office in the basement of the courthouse annex (25 Market Street).

Troy Knecht motioned to adjourn, seconded by Landen Ellingson, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hemen".

Chris Hemen
Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor