



BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
25 Market St. Suite 2, Aberdeen, SD 57401
Brown County Weed & Pest Office – 10 S. Congress St.
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Present: Duane Jark, Tyler Bierman, Bill Donaldson, Dennis Feickert
Absent: Troy Knecht

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Bill Donaldson, motion carried.

Bill Donaldson motioned to approve the May minutes, seconded by Dennis Feickert, motion carried.

Tyler Bierman motioned to approve the bills from May, seconded by Bill Donaldson, motion carried..

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update:

The enforcement on the Welk property at 26-125-65 for absinth wormwood appears to be resolved. Upon last inspection, the land has been sprayed and is being farmed.

There was a complaint about leafy spurge within the city limits near Wylie Park. Chris Hemen met with the Aberdeen City code enforcer and the land owner to discuss possible solutions. Hemen advised the landowner to keep the property mowed throughout the year and we could look at spraying in the fall. Code Enforcement will continue to work with the property owner.

There is a flea beetle collection on Thursday the 23rd near Sisseton. The Weed & Pest dept. plans on going along with Dennis Feickert.

Chris Hemen met with Rachel Kippley at the fairgrounds to give her a rundown on our annual spraying program out there for mosquitoes and weeds to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Mosquito fogging has started for the county. We have also had a few misting jobs, and had a couple communities purchase larvacide. We are predicting an above average year for mosquito counts. Chris Hemen mentioned that he might like to use grant money to purchase larvacide to give to our mosquito fogging customers to help with control efforts. Would also like to use grant money to replace the '93 Chevy we use for fogging as it may not last much longer. We have a couple private spray jobs lined up and we just started county right-of-way spraying for weeds.

Our bareground treatment is done, including the Mina Lake, Richmond Lake, Columbia, and Claremont lagoons.

The Weed & Pest Dept. attended a plant identification tour on June 9th at Ordway Prairie in McPherson County. Bill Donaldson also attended. It was very informative and everyone was surprised at the amount of plant diversity in that area.

Other Matters

Barry and Shilo from US Fish & Wildlife Service were at the meeting to discuss their department's land management program. They also gave a map of their wetland management district and discussed weed control issues they have had and what they are doing to address said issues. It was a good visit and we look forward to working with US F&WS in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th, at 11:30AM at the Weed & Pest Control shop.

Dennis Feickert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tyler Bierman, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Chris Hemen
Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor