



**BROWN COUNTY WEED & PEST BOARD MINUTES**

**Tuesday, December 17, 2019**  
**25 Market St, Aberdeen, SD 57401**  
**Maverick's – 720 Lamont St.**  
**605-626-7145 ~ 605-216-1133**

Present: Duane Jark, Dennis Wiedebush, Mark Hoven  
Absent: Dennis Feickert, Troy Knecht

Duane Jark called the meeting to order.

Dennis Wiedebush motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mark Hoven, motion carried.

Dennis Wiedebush motioned to approve the October minutes, seconded by Mark Hoven, motion carried.

Dennis Wiedebush motioned to approve the October bills, seconded by Mark Hoven, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

none

**New Business:**

**District 1 Meeting Update:**

The Association of South Dakota Weed & Pest Boards held its District 1 meeting in Brookings November 6<sup>th</sup>. Chris Hemen, Jerry Lehrkamp, and Mike Rohrbach attended on behalf of Brown Co. We discussed the impact that weather had on spraying, palmer amaranth, and grant requirements. The new District 1 Chair is Ron Moehring.

**Weed & Pest Department Monthly Update:**

Everything is closed up for the year in the Weed & Pest shop. We are just finishing the last few year-end bills as they trickle in. Chris Hemen has applied for the 2020 Dept. of Ag. grant and will know the results in February. The Weed & Pest office has been moved to the basement of the courthouse as of November. Chris Hemen is back in the State's Attorney's office for the winter, and the other full time employees are at the Highway Shop.

**Other Matters:**

Mark Hoven will be leaving the Weed & Pest board effective January. He has suggested Tyler Bierman with the City of Aberdeen as his replacement. Chris Hemen submitted this to the Brown County commissioners and asked that they vote to have Tyler Bierman fill the vacant spot on the Weed Board left by Mark Hoven. He expects the commission to vote on it this week and will let everyone know once they do.

The annual Weed & Pest conference will be held in Aberdeen February 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Chris Hemen will get everyone registered who can make it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 11:30AM in the Brown County Courthouse Community Room.

Duane Jark motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mark Hoven, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CH", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Hemen  
Brown County Weed & Pest Supervisor