

# **Johnson County Weed & Pest Control**

## **Minutes**

### **November 2, 2023**

Start time; 4:05pm Stop time; 5:30pm

Next meeting; December 07, 2023

Attendees: Scott Rogers, Board Chairman  
Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman  
Thane Zickefoose, District Supervisor  
Allen Buff, Assistant Supervisor  
Valerie Spanos, Spanos Administrative Services

Absent: Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman

Dick Gould  
Randy Hepp  
Nathan Williams

## **Agenda**

- Minutes of the September and October board meetings: Dick moved to approve the meeting minutes for the September and October board meetings, with a second by Randy. Motion Carried.
- Approval of financial statements- Randy moved to approve the September financial statements with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nathan. Motion carried. After discussion and for clarity, the board requested that the financial statement account for rodenticide include a subcategory for rebate checks for the prairie dog program. This will differentiate the purchase from a vendor expense from the prairie dog rebate program checks. Nathan moved to approve the October Financial statements with the recategorizing of the prairie dog rebate program, with a second by Randy. Motion carried.
- Payment vouchers – Dick moved to approve the payment vouchers for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with a second by Randy. Motion carried.
- Accounts Receivable were reviewed.

## **Old Business:**

- Activity Report – Thane presented the summaries for the season. JCWP covered 52,054 acres with a total of 5,106 acres treated. He also covered the total acres for WYDOT which were 774 miles covered and 86 acres treated; County Road miles covered were 1195 with 155 acres treated. The State received 178.5 treated acres by ground and 1289 acres treated by air. BLM received 6 treated acres by ground crews and 1,375 treated acres by air. Spurge totals with Ariel treatment totals were as follows: On private lands, Ariel spraying covered 6,468 acres with 3,055 treated; BLM ariel spraying covered 990 acres with 6 acres treated; and State Land ariel spraying covered 1,289 acres with 179 treated.
  - An additional 378 acres for Ventenata on Landowners. NRCS funding will be available next year with outreach to Landowners ongoing.

- Allen and Thane are preparing for Fall Conference. It will be November 7, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board is encouraged to come on Wednesday. Randy made a motion to appoint Thane to be the voting delegate for the board with a second by Nathan. Motion carried.
- Prairie Dog Rebate program is complete, and checks are issued.
- Keys for Contractors – Thane received an estimate for security keypad in the amount of approximately \$6,500. Thane recommends prioritizing new garage doors and the overhead doors because they are showing wear and tear. He will obtain a bid in the next few weeks.
- Allen attended a few meetings covering Ventenata as well as the new WHIGWHIG.
- Tote Frames – Allen reports that they have all been taken.

### **New Business:**

- Salt Cedar/Russian Olive/Equipment discussion/contractors – The board discussed a policy on the side by side or skid steer use by non-employees during the upcoming salt cedar/Russian olive projects. The board reaffirmed that all licensed equipment is not available to non-employees with no exceptions. Also, private contractors may not use JCWP off road equipment. Randy moved that all contractors use their own vehicles and equipment with a second by Dick Motion Carried.
- Raise for Kelvin Read – A discussion was held. Allen brought up that Kelvin had not had a pay increase in 2 years. Nathan moved to increase his hourly wage to \$25.00 per hour.
- Fall Conference (Gillette) Resolution Updates/Attendance - Allen provided the board with a handout for informational purposes on plants recommended for the declared weed list. These are not state directives currently and these plants are more problematic by region. For example, baby's breath is a problem in Carbon County and they want it to be declared state wide. Palmer Amaranth designation was discussed. There are currently no controls other than hand-pulling.
- Signers/Bonded/Thane/Randy/Tyler – Any board member that signs is required to be bonded. Thane will arrange for them to sign up at First Northern Insurance. They will be either reimbursed or preferably JCWP will be billed directly.
- Big Horn Security estimate - tabled
- Prairie Dog Update/poison storage - tabled

### **Next Meeting:**

December 7th, 2023 4:00PM