

Johnson County Weed & Pest Control

Minutes

December 7, 2023

Start time; 4:04pm Stop time; 5:10pm

Next meeting; 01/04/23 at 4pm

Attendees: Scott Rogers, Board Chairman
Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman
Dick Gould
Thane Zickefoose, District Supervisor (via zoom)
Allen Buff, Assistant Supervisor
Valerie Spanos, Spanos Administrative Services

Board Absences: Randy Hepp, and Nathan Williams

Chairman Rogers determined a quorum to be present and called the meeting to order at 4:04pm. Thane Zickefoose was able to attend the meeting via zoom.

- Minutes of the last meeting; Dick moved to approve of the minutes for the last meeting with a second by Tyler. The motion carried.
- Approve financial statements. Tyler moved to approve the financial statements as presented with a second by Dick. The motion carried.
- Payment vouchers. After review, Tyler moved to approve the vouchers as presented with a second by Dick. The motion carried.

Old Business:

- Accts receivable -Funds from the SAC grant may be available, because some counties went underbudget. Allen will check with Lindsey Woodard. Some past-due accounts were discussed.
- Activity Report – Thane discussed the expense of replacing tires and discussed various places in the area doing vehicle repairs and maintenance. Thane talked over the State portion of the budget being over budget. He explained how the SAC grant worked.
- Salt Cedar – The project will begin Monday, with JCWP employee Kelvin Read getting equipment ready to go. 307 Spraying and Weed Slayers will begin on Gosney’s. The new policy implementation was discussed. Challenges with scheduling equipment rentals are being dealt with.
- Prairie Dog Update/poison storage/Conex box estimate: Allen presented an estimate to purchase a 40’ Conex box from Rocky Mountain Equipment. It is \$5866 delivered. The board discussed the pros and cons of placing the box on the lot. Board approved. A board resolution is not required.
- Signers/Bonded/Thane/Tyler – All signers on the checking accounts must be bonded. Thane and Tyler will be working to accomplish this.
- Garage Door Replacement project – Allen has had some difficulty getting a call back from one door vendor. He will continue to keep trying. The garage doors need repair at a minimum, more likely they need to be replaced.

New Business:

- Forest Service Update - Forest Service Meeting: Allen gave an overview of last year’s reporting on the Forest Service, which was done by Big Horn County Weed and Pest. This was due to a change in personnel at the Forest Service. Surrounding counties were accepting of this, as a short-term solution.

Thane and Allen met in Sheridan this year to discuss next year's plans, under the new Forest Service Master Plan. Several areas of concern with the plan were discussed. Thane made clear that JCWP's primary concern is with the landowners of Johnson County.

- Fall Conference Update – Held in Gillette, Allen gave Dick his name tag, to be used for board members attending these conference and other events during which they represent the JCWP. Randy and Nathan can pick up their tags. Allen spoke about upcoming EPA legislation which will affect prairie dog poisoning. While poison oats will be available, applicators will have to have fumigant licensing, with respirators. This will affect retail sales of rodent control poison if passed. All contractors will be affected as well. Thane spoke about the recent EPA site visit by a representative from Denver, the first since 2013. It went well and was a courtesy visit.
 - We will be hosting Spring workshop in Buffalo. It is a 3-day event, date to be determined, most likely in March.
 - Thane was elected to the position of President of the employee association.
- Closing Chase card/Opening Chase card – To remove Rod's name from the card, the Chase card will need to be closed. Allen and Thane will try to use the points prior to closing the old card.

Next Meeting:

January 4th, 2024 4:00PM