

*Signed by Board
4/9/24*

Johnson County Weed & Pest Control

MINUTES

April 4, 2024

Start time 3:55 pm

Stop time 4:33pm

Next meeting: May 9, 2024, 5pm

Attendees: Scott Rogers, Board Chairman
Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman
Thane Zickefoose, District Supervisor
Crystal Cundall, District Clerk

Dick Gould
Randy Hepp
Nathan Williams

Not attending: Allen Buff, Assistant Supervisor

Agenda

- Minutes of the last meeting – Tyler moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting with a second by Nathan. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve financial statements – Crystal and Thane gave an overview of the financial statements for the month for each company, as well as the budget to actual statement. Thane introduced a couple proposed changes to the budget that will be made with an amendment. Dick moved to approve the financial statements with a second by Randy. Motion passed unanimously.
- Payment vouchers – No concerns were expressed regarding the payment vouchers. Tyler moved to approve the vouchers as presented, with a second by Nathan. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- Activity Report – Thane reported on the W&P Spring Workshop that was at the Hampton Inn. Of special note was the presentation by OSLI representative Craig O'Dell, who is a field supervisor based out of Cheyenne. Craig had a great presentation prepared specifically for Weed and Pest and approved by his superiors. As a result, this experience should foster better relationships with W&P and OSLI. Thane stated he completed the final report for Russian Olive/Salt Cedar and was \$9000 over budget, which is good to help ensure receiving all funds applied for next fiscal year. Thane also reported attending SAC and successfully receiving the grants he applied for regarding Leafy Spurge and Salt Cedar/Russian Olive. Chairman Josh Shorb said JCWP will usually get what we request since our State Lands funds always get decreased and the Legacy programs need funded. \$95,000 for LS \$34,995 for RO/SC. State Lands funds were based on the amount of State Lands in each county. State Lands is only allocating approximately 4 cents per acre throughout the State. OSLI budgets were cut by 33%, which explains the decrease. Thane also reported no cap for labor expenses by WYDOT for interstate counties because it is so difficult to get contractors to spray some of the interstates. Thane plans to sit down with each contractor to go over rates and sign agreements. Thane also reported chemical prices actually decreased this year. Also, Fumitoxin is back in Cost sharing season. Thane mentioned Weed Bounty is starting up and outlined the budget and interest. He stated the meeting was productive and the Bounty was increased on each species of weeds by 50 cents.
- F-450 still has not received any bids or interest. Thane mentioned increasing the advertising to hopefully spark some interest. Scott asked if the F-450 was priced too high and Thane thought it was just a matter of advertising and maybe evaluate the pricing later.
- Contractor's meeting – During the activities report, Thane reported the positive outcome of the Contractor's Meeting March 19th for the two board members not present for the meeting. Scott mentioned he thought the meeting was good to clear things up with invoicing and app records. Thane

wholeheartedly agreed the checks and balance with the app records to the invoicing to customers will be much better. Dick reported he thinks the clarification of the cost sharing will be very beneficial. Thane is confident the entire Fumitoxin thing is finally resolved, and the focus is now to be on summer spraying.

New Business:

- The only new business was deciding the meetings for the summer would start at 5pm, checks and vouchers were signed and the meeting was called to adjourn.

Next Meeting:

May 9th, 2024 5:00 PM

Matt Rogers
Richard Gould
Astrid Well
Lyle D. Best