

# Johnson County Weed & Pest Control

## Minutes August 8, 2024

Board approved +  
Signed  
minutes 9/15/24

Exec Session: Start time 5:10pm Stop time 6:49pm  
Regular meeting Start time 6:49pm Stop time 7:32pm  
Next meeting Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm

Attendees: Scott Rogers, Board Chairman  
Tyler Benton, Vice Chairman  
Allen Buff, District Supervisor  
Crystal Zimmerschied, Office Manager  
Absent: Nathan Williams  
Dick Gould  
Randy Hepp

### Minutes:

- Minutes of the last meeting – June 28, 2024, minutes were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve as written with a second by Randy. Motion passed unanimously. July 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget hearing 2024 minutes were reviewed. Randy moved to approve as written with a second by Tyler. Motion passed unanimously.
- Approve financial statements – Allen and Crystal gave an overview of the financial statements from both companies, as well as the budgeted to actual statement. Dick moved to approve the financial statements after some discussion, with a second by Randy, motion passed unanimously.
- Payment vouchers – No concerns over the payment vouchers. Dick moved to approve payment of the bills as written, Randy seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Randy moved to transfer \$296,092 from the LS UMM account to the LS 9751 account. Tyler seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- Activity Report: Allen reported he submitted the final budget at the end of June as expected. However, there were issues with the spreadsheet and some help from the Auditor was necessary. He reported the spraying season is ending with a whole lot more chemicals put down this year. He hasn't been able to do the small area spraying he normally does and hopes to get to it in August. The helicopters finished the first part of July. The contractors and backpack sprayers are still going. Allen also reported he's starting to lose the backpack crew, and the spraying will decrease. The JCWP boys spent 10 days in Kaycee and are still not done. The Weed Bounty was a tremendous success with over 31k pounds pulled. Allen has started rethinking some changes for next year and have the dump doing the weighing of the large loads the participants bring by the truckload. There was a successful pesticide inspection July 11<sup>th</sup> with no causes for concern. We've had issue with ASAP and still waiting to get BLM Funds once that is fixed.

- F450 Interest – there haven't been any bids on it but many phone calls from people interested. It is parked by First Interstate Bank and is a good location for only \$20/month.
- State Weed and Pest Area 2 meeting scheduled for 8/21/24 at 11am at the Johnson County Library. JCWP will provide lunch for the Area 2 Reps (Crook, Sheridan, Campbell Counties) and Allen reported it is mostly just giving reports on how the different counties are doing on their spraying.
- Grasshopper 2025 planning – Allen is planning a meeting for the landowners for the fall expecting a banner year with lots of grasshoppers. He's figuring there will be 2 in Kaycee and 2 in Buffalo, probably in January or February. There was some concern BLM dropped the ball the last time there was a heavy year. Allen said he's already talked to Janelle, and she appreciated the heads up so she can start her budget planning as well. Will be a fixed wing application. Big Horn Airways would be the best bet.

### New Business:

- Cheat Grass: There was discussion as to whether cheat grass should be a County declared invasive grass. The high cost of Rejuvra at \$60/acre makes any cost sharing and program incredibly expensive. Unless other grants and funding can be sourced, there is little room in the budget, with decreased mill levy dollars, to even consider Cheat grass this fiscal year. If new funding becomes available, the topic could be reconsidered. Possibly declaring it at the county level died in discussion. After other discussion, Dick moved and Randy seconded, that if Cheat Grass is brought up for a state designation vote at the State Weed and Pest fall conference, Allen would be the representative for JCWP and vote "No".
- Budget review: Since Crystal was absent at the budget review meeting, more discussion was held regarding the budget for the 2024-25 FY and to clarify how the last fiscal year ended. Allen and Crystal showed historical deficits in the taxes budgeted, and taxes actually collected by the County. They explained they would like to re-evaluate the budget in January to see how the collection percentage is to that date. There was also discussion regarding how the budget should be done next year since, historically, there has been a 20% average deficit in taxes actually collected compared to what was budgeted/predicted in the mill levy by the County Commissioners. It was suggested this 20% be removed from the budgeted mill levy and base the budget only on the remaining 80%. Allen stated this is to help keep the district from going further and further backwards and using reserves. The idea is for the district to not have a profit, but the business funds need to be sustainable. There was also talk about defining the programs on paper and spreading the funds to other landowners in a more equitable way.

### Next Meeting:

Sept 5, 2024, 5:00 pm

Dick Goull  
Nate Will

Phil Bent  
Matt Rogers

**Johnson County Weed & Pest (General)**

**Payment Voucher for Month**

**August 8 through September 5, 2024**

09/05/24

Cash Basis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
<b>ANB Bank Accounts</b>				
<b>General - 4933</b>				
08/16/2024	17575	Atlas Premier Services	-191.83	-191.83
08/16/2024	17576	Big Horn CO-OP	-1,413.09	-1,413.09
08/16/2024	17577	City of Buffalo	-365.23	-365.23
08/16/2024	17578	Helena Agri-Ent	-27.32	-27.32
08/16/2024	17579	Johnson County Library	-25.00	-25.00
08/16/2024	17580	Montana Dakota Utilities	-24.73	-24.73
08/16/2024	17581	Rocky Mountain Power	-142.69	-142.69
08/16/2024	17582	Travelers Casualty	-140.00	-140.00
08/16/2024	17583	Warne Chemical & Equipment	-146.87	-146.87
08/16/2024	17584	Ace Hardware	-66.95	-66.95
08/20/2024	17585	307 Aviation, LLC	-61,040.00	-61,040.00
08/28/2024	17586	Johnson County Library	-15.00	-15.00
08/29/2024	17587	Helena Agri-Ent	-672.00	-672.00
08/29/2024	17588	Rad Rides Automotive LLC	-122.99	-122.99
08/29/2024	17589	Warne Chemical & Equipment	-49.08	-49.08
08/29/2024	17590	Spectrum	-139.98	-139.98
08/29/2024	17591	WeedSlayer Spraying LLC	-49,448.75	-49,448.75
08/29/2024	17592	307 Spraying LLC	-25,265.01	-25,265.01
08/29/2024	17593	Wylee's Weed and Pest Control ...	-15,374.32	-15,374.32
08/29/2024	17594	Buff-Lease	-725.00	-725.00
08/30/2024	17595	Byram, Brogan H	-1,838.92	-1,838.92
08/30/2024	17596	Cundall, Crystal	-4,502.06	-4,502.06
08/30/2024	17597	Kukuchka, Kason R	-855.85	-855.85
08/30/2024	17598	Long, Ethan T	-2,449.47	-2,449.47
08/30/2024	17599	Monterastelli, Gio M	-302.90	-302.90
08/30/2024	17600	Rasmuson, Cole D	-1,326.83	-1,326.83
08/30/2024	17601	Rasmuson, Ryan P	-1,326.83	-1,326.83
08/30/2024	17602	Tomich, Michael J	-1,415.16	-1,415.16
08/30/2024	17603	Wonka, Tommy J	-834.84	-834.84
08/30/2024	EFT	IRS 941 Tax	-2,460.80	-2,460.80
08/30/2024	17604	Wyoming Retirement System	-3,766.70	-3,766.70
08/30/2024	17605	Wyoming Worker's Comp	-508.23	-508.23
09/04/2024	17606	Visa	-870.31	-870.31
Total General - 4933				-177,854.74
<b>U Money Market 1015</b>				
08/29/2024	EFT	JCWP - Leafy Spurge Account	-57,839.65	-57,839.65
Total U Money Market 1015				-57,839.65
Total ANB Bank Accounts				-235,694.39
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-235,694.39</b>

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**Johnson County Weed & Pest (Leafy Spurge)**

**Payment Voucher for Month**

**August 2024**

09/05/24

Cash Basis

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
<b>ANB Bank Accounts</b>				
<b>ANB - LS 9751</b>				
08/05/2024	5359	MTR Ranch Supply	-31,757.91	-31,757.91
08/30/2024	5360	Buff, Allen R	-4,301.50	-4,301.50
08/30/2024	5361	Empower Trust Com...	-550.00	-550.00
08/30/2024	ACH	IRS 941 Tax	-1,031.00	-1,031.00
08/30/2024	5362	Wyoming Worker's ...	-158.00	-158.00
Total ANB - LS 9751				<u>-37,798.41</u>
Total ANB Bank Accounts				<u>-37,798.41</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<u><u>-37,798.41</u></u>

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