

# Johnson County Weed & Pest Control

## Minutes

December 5, 2024

Start time 4:00pm

Stop time 5:21pm

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

### Minutes:

- Minutes of the last meeting – November 7, 2024, minutes were reviewed. Tyler moved to approve as written with a second by Randy. 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. Of concern, the year-to-date taxes collected by the county and paid to JCWP are at a deficit of 76.13% of what they should be now. Randy moved to approve the financial statements after some discussion, with a second by Dick, motion passed unanimously.
- Payment vouchers – No concerns over the payment vouchers were expressed. Tyler moved to approve payment of the bills as written, Dick seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

- Activity Report: Allen reported there were several meetings regarding the fire restoration of the Sage Brush with Todd Caltrider, WYGF. Tyler mentioned he has a test plot on his property initiated by UW. Allen cautioned sage brush reseeding prohibits the use of Rejuvra. Allen took the JCWP employee, Kelvin, and Walker from Sheridan County W&P to the Russian Olive/Salt Cedar sites to observe and plan for the program this year. Allen outlined the landowners to be treated this year. Allen and Crystal also discussed the hard and fast budgetary limitations that will be used for Salt Cedar.
- Board member expirations: Scott Rogers, Randy Hepp, and Nathan Williams are up in 2025. All three members have the paperwork and have expressed intention to renew. They were reminded the paperwork was due soon. Dick discussed people he has been talking to that has shown interest in his position when it comes due 2027.
- Discussion started regarding the programs needing revamped. Allen outlined initial plans for changing the cost share amounts. The board agreed general cost shares can feasibly change to 50/50. Scott mentioned the cost shares used to be lower and was confident the landowners would understand the changes considering decreasing mill levies. There was talk Russian Olive and Salt Cedar SAC grants and JCWP matching monies can be best utilized in a maintenance program of what has already been treated and look at furthering



new treatment later if mill levies increase again. There was a lot of talk about the prairie dog program and tall larkspur program. None of the programs have ever been in writing. This is an opportunity for JCWP to put them in writing, get motions to approve them, and then allow staff the guidelines to have consistency in enforcing them within budgetary guidelines. The staff and board at JCWP intend to not deplete the reserves little by little every year. Allen requested the board consider the plans already outlined and possibly be prepared to vote on them in January and February so there is a solid plan going into the summer spraying season.

**New Business:**

- Nothing needing motions currently.

**Next Meeting:**

January 9, 2024, 4pm

*Scott Rogers*  
*Randy Hipp*  
*Dee Gould*  
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