

The regular meeting of the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District was held on February 11th, 2020. Chairman, John Watson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Those present included:

John Watson	Chairman
Bill Criss	Secretary/Treasurer
Kirk McNutt	Board Member
Larry Yost	Board Member
Eric Heatherly	Board Member
Newton Russell	Board Member
Pat Bookout	Supervisor
Glendowyn Laffitte	Office Manager

Yost moved, and McNutt seconded to approve the minutes from the January 14th, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried.

Yost moved, and Russell seconded to approve the accounts payables as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

Monthly: The Board reviewed the monthly reports. Inventory was \$105,830.42 as of January 31st, 2020.

Supervisor: Pat reported that he has been doing follow-ups on black tailed prairie dogs. Most places they got 80-90% kill. Kaput was put out on the interstate and they have been doing follow-ups on that also. Pat, Trisha, and Adam have been working on the shop, putting in new shelves and making sure everything is EPA approved.

The Private Applicator Class will be February 20th at the 4-H building from Noon-4pm.

The Grasshopper Landowner Meeting will be March 12th at the 4-H building at 1 pm. Pat is anticipating more acres (approximately 150,000) of grasshoppers to spray this year than last year.

On the maintenance side of things, all equipment has been serviced and is ready for the next season. They replaced the spring on the Glendo trailer and got the new Glendo truck sprayer and chemical cage put together. Pat explained that the BOR may or may not contract with us for the Glendo and Guernsey areas as they are now required to put it out for bid.

Pat would like to advertise for the Shop Foreman position with interviews taking place at next month's board meeting. He recommends Trisha McCarty.

Russell moved, and Yost seconded to accept the monthly reports for February 11th, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

No old business was discussed.

New Business:

Russell moved and Yost seconded that Patrick Bookout be the voting delegate for the Wyoming Association of Special Districts with Gleny Laffitte being the alternate. Motion carried.

Yost moved and Criss seconded to continue to hold the monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month except for March which will be held Monday, March 9th at 6:30 pm. The meeting time will be 6:30 pm during the months of March through September and 5:30 pm during the months of October through February. With a meal being served ½ hour before meeting time begins. The meetings will be held at the Weed and Pest office. Public welcome. Motion carried.

Russell moved and McNutt seconded to leave the board positions as is currently: John Watson as chairman, Roxie Harris as Vice-chairman, and Bill Criss as Secretary/Treasurer. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Russell moved and Yost seconded to use all banks in Platte County as official depositories. Motion carried. Yost moved and McNutt seconded to accept the changes to the policy manual as presented. Motion carried. Chairman Watson presented to the board an insurance option with the Wyoming Association of Risk Management (WARM). The board discussed the insurance options and will see what WARM says in March and take a vote at the April 14th meeting.

Criss moved and Russell seconded to post the Shop Foreman position on the bulletin board according to the Policy Manual guidelines. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Pat discussed the ballpark of what he thinks the grasshopper program will cost this coming season.

Yost moved and Russell seconded to move into executive session at 6:42 pm to discuss personnel evaluations.

Russell moved and Yost seconded to move back into regular board meeting at 7:27 pm.

Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Criss signed the County Treasurer checks in the amount of \$6,246.87 for Regular and \$6,246.87 for Special Management.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9th, 6:30 pm with a meal at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Member

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