

Platte County Weed and Pest Control District

In Co-operation with Wyoming Department of Agriculture

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District was held on February 9th, 2021. Chairman, John Watson, called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. Those present included:

John Watson	Chairman
Bill Criss	Secretary/Treasurer
Amy Miller	Board Member
Josh Graves	Board Member
Eric Heatherly	Board Member
Pat Bookout	Supervisor
Glendowyn Laffitte	Office Manager

John Watson welcomed Josh Graves to the Weed and Pest Board.

Miller moved, and Graves seconded to approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2021 board meeting. Motion carried.

Miller moved, and Heatherly seconded to approve the accounts payable as presented. Motion carried.

Reports

Monthly: The Board reviewed the monthly reports. Inventory was \$68,224.30 as of January 31st, 2021.

Supervisor: Pat reported that the seed committee wants to add Palmer Amaranth to the prohibited seed list. He handed out flyers and explained the dangers of Palmer Amaranth getting spread in Wyoming.

The Governor signed house bill 53. The biggest change that will affect the weed and pest districts is having no limit to the number of weeds and/or pests allowed in the Special Management Program, however Leafy Spurge must hold top priority.

There will be a Rejuvra seminar on February 11th. It should be an interesting meeting showing the success of Rejuvra on annual grass management. The USFS will be treating 6,000 acres of the area burned by the Mullein Fire for habitat restoration.

Pat researched what it would take for the weed and pest to do the black tailed prairie dog follow up treatment. It would cost the landowner around \$26.00 per acre. Due to the 20% max that is allowed for charging the landowner, he is not sure that it would be legal to charge them the full amount. There are however penalties that can be charged if the landowner does not do their follow up treatment. There are two other companies willing to do the follow up treatment if the landowners so chose. Zeb Goodrich charges \$63 per man hour and Ty Hill charges \$25 per acre.

On March 2nd there will be an Alfalfa Weevil seminar hosted at the Extension Office. The seating limit is 10 so anyone wanting to attend would need to reserve their spot quickly. People may also join via zoom from their homes.

A board member training will be held February 24th-25th at Little America in Cheyenne for anyone interested. You may also obtain board training through on-line courses.

Pat and Gleny sat in on the WARM webinar on February 4th. The most important thing they took from the webinar was that premiums in general will be rising 10-15% which may affect our rates in July.

Miller moved, and Graves seconded to accept the monthly reports for February 9th, 2021 as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Miller moved and Graves seconded to continue to hold the monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month. The meeting time will be 6:30 pm during the months of April through September and 5:30 pm during the months of October through March. With a meal being served ½ hour before meeting time begins. The meetings will be held at the Weed and Pest office. The public is welcome to attend. Motion carried.

Miller nominated John Watson for the position of Chairman for the Platte County Weed and Pest Board. Miller moved and Graves seconded that motions cease and to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried. Miller nominated Roxie Harris for the position of Vice-Chairman. Miller moved and Heatherly seconded that motions cease and to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried. Miller nominated Bill Criss for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Miller moved and Heatherly seconded that motions cease and to cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Graves seconded to use all banks in Platte County as official depositories. Motion carried. Miller moved and Heatherly seconded to approve the credit application for Newton Ranches LLC. Motion carried.

Other Business:

There was no other business to discuss.

Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Criss signed the County Treasurer checks in the amount of \$3,691.63 for Regular and \$3,691.63 for Special Management.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th, 5:30 pm with a meal at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Member

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