

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 10th, 2026. Chairman, John Watson, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Those present included:

John Watson	Chairman
Amy Miller	Vice-Chairman
Josh Graves	Board Member
Bill Criss	Board Member
Eric Heatherly	Board Member
Ron Lockhart	Board Member
Pat Bookout	Supervisor
Trisha McCarty	Shop Foreman
Sarah Taylor	Office Assistant
Glendowyn Laffitte	Office Manager

Miller moved, and Graves seconded to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2026, board meeting. Motion carried.

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

Reports

Monthly: The Board reviewed the monthly reports. Inventory was \$130,032.39 as of January 31st, 2026.

Supervisor: Pat reported that there were 18,665 mapped prairie dog acres, 15,719 acres of clean oats were applied, and 15,846 acres of ZP oats were applied for the 2025 season. This is almost double compared to last year. They are currently treating prairie dogs with Kaput on the state highways. Brian Artery is representing a power company and suggested to them to donate \$200,000 to the Platte County Weed and Pest District for prairie dog control. If we do receive the funding, we can apply that to the contracted work and get more acres completed in the 2026 season.

Landowners came in and mapped 28,731 acres of cheatgrass to treat in 2026. 4,266 of those acres are in Goshen County. The Supervisor, Bob Baumgartner, said he can offer a cost-share of 80% up to \$3,000 per landowner. There are also 440 acres in Albany County. Lindsay Wheat, supervisor of Albany County Weed and Pest said they can offer 35% cost-share up to \$1,000 per landowner. They are both willing to participate in a joint cheatgrass grant.

The SAC Committee meeting and Spring Conference will be held March 17th-19th in Worland.

The Private Applicator Class will be held February 19th at the Agri-plex from 8 am to noon.

Pat is keeping a close eye on the legislative session to see what will happen with the bills proposed to cut property taxes.

Miller moved, and Lockhart seconded to accept the monthly reports for January 31st, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Miller moved and Graves seconded to move CD#1006 to Platte Valley Bank for 13 months, if it is at 3.90%. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Graves seconded to approve the credit applications for Brent Weber and Kit Armour. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Graves seconded to use all banks in Platte County as official depositories to include Platte Valley Bank and First State Bank with whom we currently hold funds. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Lockhart seconded to continue to hold the monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month. The meeting times 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 the meeting begins. The meetings will be held at the Weed and Pest office. The public is welcome to attend. Motion carried.

Miller nominated John Watson as Chairman. Graves moved to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Graves nominated Amy Miller as Vice-Chairman, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Heatherly seconded. Motion carried.

Miller nominated Bill Criss as Secretary/Treasurer, to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Graves seconded. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Heatherly seconded to accept the cost-share rates as presented. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Graves seconded to accept the Policy Manual changes at first hearing as presented and with the 'Intent for Investment' amounts changing to \$700,000 for the Regular Account and \$800,000 for the Special Management Account. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Lockhart seconded to move into executive session for personnel discussion at 6:22 pm. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Heatherly seconded to reconvene at 7:04 pm. Motion carried.

Miller moved and Lockhart seconded to approve a 5% raise for the 4 full-time employees. Placing Pat Bookout at \$67,623.11 per year with a QSEHRA of \$13,100 per year; Glendwyn Laffitte at \$24.19 per hour with an addition to wages of \$7,500, Trisha McCarty at \$19.26 per hour with an addition to wages of \$5,000; and Sarah Taylor at \$17.37 per hour with a QSEHRA of \$6,450 per year. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Criss signed the County Treasurer checks in the amount of \$7,788.63 for Regular and \$7,788.63 for Special Management.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th, at 5:30 pm with a meal at 5:00 pm.

Miller moved and Graves seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Board Member


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