

Platte County Weed and Pest Control District

In Co-operation with Wyoming Department of Agriculture

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Wheatland, Wyoming 82201

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Platte County Weed and Pest Control District was held on March 10th, 2026. Chairman, John Watson, called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. Those present included:

John Watson	Chairman
Caitlin Harris	Board Member
Josh Graves	Board Member
Ron Lockhart	Board Member
Pat Bookout	Supervisor
Glendowyn Laffitte	Office Manager

Lockhart moved, and Harris seconded to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 2026, board meeting. Motion carried.

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

Reports

Monthly: The Board reviewed the monthly reports. Inventory was \$110,156.06 as of February 28th, 2026.

Supervisor: Pat reported that the Private Applicator Class was February 19th. There were 38 people there.

The SAC grant Meeting and Spring Workshop will be in Worland next week. Pat will go Monday-Thursday. Platte County requested \$90,000 for the Black-tailed Prairie Dog Grant and \$81,253 for the Cheatgrass grant. The Governor's Budget Initiative was all restored minus \$53 million. All the funds that would pertain to weed and pest districts were reinstated including \$9 million for Cheatgrass that will be allocated through the Wyoming Wildlife and Natural Resource Trust.

March 4th Pat and Missy went to the Career Fair at the University of Wyoming. They set up an education table. Shelby from Laramie County was there also. They were able to get more interest in other counties than Platte County but overall, it went well.

Pat did get interest from the Career fair at the high school. Two teachers called and wanted to work this summer.

Harris moved, and Graves seconded to accept the monthly reports for February 28th, 2026, as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Harris moved and Lockhart seconded to approve the Policy Manual changes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Harris moved, Lockhart seconded, and Graves abstained from voting, to wave the overages on Black-tailed prairie dog cost-share. Motion carried.

Harris moved and Lockhart seconded to allot Sarah Taylor 40 hours of Family Emergency Leave to be used for the time taken last week to recover from the house fire. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Lockhart moved and Harris seconded to support the additional \$85,000 to the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council Education budget for tax cut education. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Graves moved and Harris seconded to purchase the F-250 from Larmie Peak Motors for \$51,762.63 with a trade-in of \$18,000.00 to equal \$33,762.63 total payment. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Harris moved and Lockhart seconded to purchase two Can-Am ATV's (one for each account) for \$16,162.00 total from Borderline Powersports unless Elway Powersports of Laramie will offer a better price at which time the purchase will be made to Elway Powersports. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Harris moved and Graves seconded to approve the two budgets presented upon first reading. Discussion occurred. Motion carried.

Other Business:

None

Chairman, John Watson signed the County Treasurer checks in the amount of \$5,605.80 for Regular and \$5,605.80 for Special Management.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:30 pm with a meal at 6:00 pm.

Harris moved and Graves seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Board Member



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