

Hughes County Weed and Pest Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was held in the Hughes County Commission meeting room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Lyle Stewart at 10:30 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Commissioner Randy Brown (via zoom)

Commissioner Rob Fines

Mr. Lyle Stewart

Mr. Trent Arbach

Mr. Joe Boxley

Mr. Terry Ness

Mr. Bryan Tipton

Ms. Lori Jacobson

Ms. Laura Graves

Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from December 14, 2023 meeting: No corrections or changes were noted by the parties present to the minutes from the December 14, 2023 meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Tipton and the meeting minutes were approved.
2. Request for Bids: Discussion was held among attendees regarding the language of the request for bids regarding Weed and Pest Spraying, whether Prairie Dogs should be added for pest control. A motion was made by Mr. Ness to include prairie dogs in the notice and request for bids. Additional research and information will be gathered on possible future inclusion of prairie dog control in notices and request for bids.
3. Publishing Request for bids/notice to control: Discussion was held among attendees regarding when the request for bids on Weed and Pest spraying/control and the Notice of Responsibility to Control Noxious Weeds and Declared Pests will be published. It was determined that pending approval from the Hughes County Commission at their February 20, 2024 meeting, notices will be published in the Capitol Journal on February 24, 2024, posted on the Hughes County Facebook page, the Hughes County website and letters to interested parties will be mailed on February 21, 2024.
4. Fiscal Report: Information regarding the filing of the 2023 Fiscal Report for Weed and Pest Expenditures was given to the attendees by Hughes County Weed and Pest Supervisor Joe Boxley. A copy of the report was provided to attendees and questions of attendees were answered by Mr. Boxley.

5. Any other Business: Discussion was held among attendees regarding the possible purchase of additional equipment for Weed and Pest control, the possible drone usage for future efforts to control weeds and pests, along with the costs/expenditures involved in drone usage. Also discussed is the future addition of Palmer Amaranth to the Noxious Weed in need of control list.

A motion was made by Mr. Tipton to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Commissioner Brown and the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Stewart at 11:04 a.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Ms. Laura Graves

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