

## **COUNTY COMMISSION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE**

**Title:** Expo, Weed, Farm Update

**COMMISSION MEETING DATE:** May 14, 2024

**REPORTING DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY:** Expo, Weed, Farm

**CONTACT PERSON:** David Flaherty II

### **1. Interval**

March, April, May 2024.

### **2. Accomplishments**

#### **EXPO**

Setup and tear down events.

Groundwork started; Mowing, trimming, watering new grass that was put in.

Painted stair railing by 4H.

Hung updated building signs on Barn 1, Office building.

Repaired water lines that were broken in Barn 2 restrooms.

Repaired water lines in Ag Hall that were broken.

Had another successful Equifest and Farm show, Monster Truck shows, Recently new event Jolly Mixers using Kenwood is growing and using the building 2 times a month, Uplanders Banquet, K9 Capers ramping up with the practices (they use Kenwood and Ag Hall), Rocky Mountain Elks Banquet, Spring Beef show, Roller derby Bout, had a couple new K-State Extension Education events (Livestock judging, using Ag Hall, Habitat Management Workshop).

Training new employee.

Fixed entry gate into Ag Hall, Replaced broken boards.

There have been 46 events using 80 days since last update.

#### **Noxious Weed**

Fixed and replumbed spray skid.

Fixed yellow International spray truck.

Passed general knowledge, 9a, and 6 certification tests.

Helped Expo Center.

Started inspections.

Will be spraying Right of Way, by the end of this week.

Helped customers with questions concerning various plants and chemicals.

General maintenance of spray equipment.

#### **Farm**

7 new scholarships awarded for 24/25 school year.

**3. Plans**

**EXPO**

Setup and tear down for upcoming events.  
Repairing forklift when parts come in.  
Continue with grounds; mowing, trimming, picking up trash.  
Installing new buildings signs when they come in for the Barns.  
Continue preventive maintenance.

**Noxious Weed**

Continue spraying Right of Way.  
Continue maintenance on equipment.  
Keep looking for applicator.  
Continue helping Expo.  
Continue helping customers with questions and concerns.

**Farm**

Will be going out for bids to replace the S. ½ mile of county pasture.

**4. Budget Update**

EXPO

Year to date budget used 31.78%.

NOXIOUS WEED

Year to date budget used 11.31% remaining balance \$390,431.86.

Noxious Weed Capital Outlay

\$162,618.78

FARM

\$171,298.41