

MINUTES OF THE SD WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
April 4, 2016 – 1:00 pm CDT
SDSU Regional Extension Center, 400 W. Missouri Ave., Pierre, SD

Lynn Deibert called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, April 4, 2016.

Members Present: Chairman Lynn Deibert, Commissioners Ron Thyen, Floyd Muntefering, Duane Buckmeier, and Craig Magedanz; Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin, and School & Public Lands Commissioner Ryan Brunner.

Ex-Officio/Non-Voting Members Present: Dept. of Ag representative Brandon Beshears, SDSU representative Paul Johnson, and Commission Secretary/Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers.

Also present were those listed on Exhibit #1.

Chairman Deibert asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Floyd Muntefering requested discussion on funding for executive secretary position for the Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards to be added to new business. Paul Coughlin made a motion to approve the agenda after adding Executive Secretary Funding – Association to new business (Exhibit #2). Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert asked for any changes to the minutes of the February 17 meeting. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried.

Activity Reports

Department of Agriculture

Brenda Sievers reported that staff has been attending and presenting programs at County Weed Board Annual Meetings.

Ron Moehring reported on changes to the weed free forage listing that will include locally noxious weeds. He also talked about the information that he had received on the best management practices for highways that included information on things that will benefit pollinators.

Dale Anderson reported on the pest surveys that are being planned for the upcoming season. Scott Guffey talked about the Japanese beetle trapping and control that has taken place in Pennington County. They saw a significant reduction using larvacide last year.

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Greg Buntrock reported that Dave Hirsch is the State Plant Health Director now.

District Reports

Floyd Muntefering – District 2 – Floyd reported there was a lot of fall spraying that was done.

Duane Buckmeier – District 4 – Duane has attended the Perkins County meeting and plans to attend the Belle Fourche Project meeting.

Ron Thyen – District 1 – Ron reported that he had attended the Hamlin County Annual Meeting.

Lynn Deibert – District 3 – Lynn feels that the spray season will be an early one this year.

Craig Magedanz – At Large – Craig has attended 3 county annual meetings.

Department of Agriculture

Brandon Beshears reported that permits and licenses are being sent out. He also talked about the new nursery inspection fee and the pesticide recycling program. There will be a new Secretary of Agriculture when appointed by the Governor.

Department of Game Fish & Parks

Paul Coughlin reported that GF&P staff is getting geared up for an early start on weeds. In 2015, GF&P controlled 17,500 acres on game production areas at a cost of \$875,000.

School & Public Lands

Ryan Brunner said they have been busy with land lease auctions this last month.

SDSU

Paul Johnson reported that they have 2 technicians and himself doing the plot work this season. Depending on funding, they may get a seasonal. They will be working on mullein plots. Paul brought along copies of the newly revised 525N – 2016 Noxious Weed Control. This has the chemical recommendations in it in a different format than in the past.

Old Business

Gary Pribyl reported on the 2016 Weed and Pest Conference held in Aberdeen. There were 180 people who pre-registered. The 2017 Conference will be in Huron, February 22-24, 2017.

New Business

Executive Secretary Funding – Association

Dave Neuharth talked about the need for funding the Executive Secretary position with the Association of SD County Weed and Pest Boards. They are in the process of writing a contract and getting the ground work to fund that position in the future. Discussion was held on whether Commission grant funds can be used to pay for part of that position or not. Brenda and Brandon will visit with fiscal and legal staff at the Department. More information will be presented at the September Commission meeting.

Long Term Objectives

The Long Range Objectives were presented. A motion was made by Paul Coughlin to accept the Long Range Objectives. Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried.

Annual Work Plan

Brenda Sievers discussed the Annual Work Plan, including the calendar and meeting dates. The fall tour area will be District 1 this year. A motion was made by Craig Magedanz to accept the Annual Work Plan. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

Policy Statements

The Commission Policy Statements hadn't been updated since April 12, 2006. Discussion was held on policy statement #2 – weed and pest control. #8 talked about meandering lakes. A motion was

made by Ron Thyen to strike #8 – Meandering Lakes. Seconded by Duane Buckmeier. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Coughlin to accept the Policy Statements as amended. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

Custer County – Competitive Grant Extension

Custer County was present to ask for an extension of their Hoary Cress Grant – WP-C16-7, which originally ended March 31, 2016. They will be able to complete the spraying by the end of May. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to allow an extension of Custer County's Hoary Cress Grant (WP-C16-7) until May 31, 2016. Seconded by Craig Magedanz. Motion carried.

Elections

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Gary Pribyl for elections. Ron Thyen nominated Lynn Deibert for Chairman. A motion was made by Craig Magedanz and seconded by Ryan Brunner, to have nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lynn Deibert as Chairman. Motion carried. Chairman will be Lynn Deibert.

Gary Pribyl turned the meeting back over to Chairman Deibert for the Vice-Chairman election. Floyd Muntefering nominated Craig Magedanz for Vice-Chairman. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Craig Magedanz as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried, the Vice-Chairman will be Craig Magedanz.

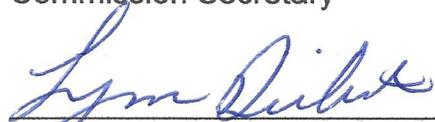
Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Paul Coughlin and seconded by Ryan Brunner to pay the meeting expenses, salary and per diem for meetings attended. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert declared the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.



Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary



Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)