MINUTES OF THE SD WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
April 9, 2015 – 1:00 pm CDT
Governor's Inn, 700 West Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD

Lynn Deibert called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, April 9, 2015.

Members Present: Chairman Lynn Deibert, Commissioners Ron Thyen, Floyd Muntefering, Duane Buckmeier, and Craig Magedanz; Association of County Commissioners representative Neil VonEschen, Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin, School & Public Lands Commissioner Ryan Brunner, and Department of Transportation representative Jason Humphrey.

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.

Floyd Muntefering made a motion to approve the agenda (Exhibit #2). Seconded by Craig Magedanz. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert asked for any changes to the minutes of the February 18 meeting. A motion was made by Jason Humphrey to approve the minutes. Seconded by Craig Magedanz. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Hearing Officer Ryan Darling from the Hearing Examiners Office to conduct a public rules hearing to add Tarragon and Japanese beetle to the locally noxious weeds or declared pest list. The hearing testimony concluded at 1:43 pm.

Chairman Deibert called for a voice vote to approve adding Japanese beetle to the locally noxious pest listing. On a voice vote, the majority voted in favor of adding Japanese beetle to the locally noxious pest listing. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert called for a voice vote to approve adding Tarragon to the locally noxious weed listing. There were no votes in favor of the addition. Motion defeated.

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 that there are six vacant weed supervisor positions in the state, with more expected due to retirements. Ron also reported on working with NAISMA on the changes that are proposed to the weed free forage listing. There are proposals to add 10 weeds to the listing including cheatgrass and dame's rocket. They are proposing to delete 14 weeds, including wild oats and wild hemp. The purple loosestrife root dig will take place April 21, and April 22 is reserved for assisting the Estelline School.

Dale Anderson reported on the pest surveys that they are planning to do this year that will include Karnal Bunt, gypsy moth, Japanese beetle, khapra beetle and a nursery bundle survey. Mike

Stenson mentioned the bio control monitoring sites and the purple loosestrife surveys that are planned.

APHIS
Ron Moehring reported for Greg Buntrock who was unable to attend the meeting. Grasshoppers are at record lows and they aren't anticipating problems this upcoming season. Bruce Helbig has retired and Greg Buntrock and Amy Mesman have been splitting the duties of that position. They may be putting the South Dakota APHIS office supervision under the North Dakota office.

District Reports
Ron Thyen – District 1 – Ron reported that the majority of the wheat is planted. Calving is going good, but need moisture.

Lynn Deibert – District 3 – Lynn reported that only 25% of the wheat is planted in his area.

Craig Magedanz – At Large – Craig reported that calving is good there, but there have been fires going for miles.

Duane Buckmeier – District 4 – Duane reported that some of the crops are in. They have had two fires in the last week. They do need moisture.

Floyd Muntefering – District 2 – Floyd reported that they now have a burn ban in place in his home county.

Department of Agriculture
Brandon Beshears gave a legislative update of what happened during the last session on Department sponsored bills.

Department of Game Fish & Parks
Paul Coughlin reported on the GF&P rules that are planned to be adopted and implemented on Aquatic Nuisance Species. These rules are designed to prevent transportation of Aquatic Nuisance Species from lake to lake on watercraft. They are hoping that since it is drier this year, is will be a slower year. But since most of the GFP properties are fairly wet, that might not be the case. There are 395,000 acres that are owned by GF&P. Last year there were 17,000 acres controlled with $1.5 million. They did spray in Sunday Gulch in the Black Hills for Mountain Pine Beetle.

Department of Transportation
Jason Humphrey said their department is actively getting spraying contracts issued. Since the gas tax has increased, it will mean additional dollars for his Department.

School & Public Lands
Ryan Brunner said they have been busy with 25 lease auctions in the last month for 81,000 acres. They did have about 2000 acres affected by a fire so they will be watching that area.

SDSU
Paul Johnson has taken on the IPM duties since Darrell Deneke retired effective April 1. Paul talked about the plan to build a seed house and a new greenhouse on campus. There are currently only 9 total filled agronomy positions in the state, with hopes of still filling the position in Aberdeen, formerly held by Mark Rosenberg.

Association of County Commissioners
Neil VonEschen talked about the additional gas tax assisting counties. County Commissioners are looking forward to the extra funding.

New Business

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

Annual Work Plan
Brenda Sievers discussed the Annual Work Plan, including the calendar and meeting dates. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to accept the Annual Work Plan. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

2015 Conference Update
Gary Pribyl gave a report on the conference that was held in Rapid City. There were 167 registered, plus sponsors and 10 exhibitors. There will be two scholarships given out this year.

Elections
Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Gary Pribyl for elections. Ron Thyen nominated Lynn Deibert for Chairman. A motion was made by Ryan Brunner and seconded by Paul Coughlin 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. Craig Magedanz nominated Floyd Muntefering for Vice-Chairman.A motion was made by Ron Thyen that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Floyd Muntefering as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried, the Vice-Chairman will be Floyd Muntefering.

Fall Meeting and Tour
Ron Moehring talked about the fall meeting and tour. The plans are currently to have it in the Fall River and Custer County areas.

Meade County
Nate Jagim gave a report on the Salt Cedar project in his county. They are treating and dealing with large trees that are 15-20 years old. It has had good buy in with private landowners.

Approval of Bills
A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering and seconded by Duane Buckmeier to pay the meeting expenses, salary and per diem for meetings attended. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert declared the meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)