

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2015 – 1:30 pm
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center – Rapid City, SD

Chairman Lynn Diebert called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, February 18, 2015.

Members Present: Commissioners Ron Thyen, Floyd Muntefering, Duane Buckmeier, Craig Magedanz, Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin, Department of Transportation Representative Jason Humphrey, Commissioner of School and Public Lands – Ryan Brunner and Commission Secretary Brenda Sievers.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dept. of Ag representative Brandon Beshears and SDSU representative Paul Johnson.

Also present were those listed on Exhibit #1. Introductions were made.

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

The Chairman asked for any changes to the minutes of the September 9, 2014, meeting. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to approve the minutes. Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried.

New Business

Requests for Locally Declared Noxious Weeds & Pests (Exhibit #3)

(R) = Renewal / (N) = New request / (NN) = New & not in Rules, would need rules hearing

Beadle County – Bull Thistle (R)

Custer County – Black Henbane (R), **Tarragon (NN)**

Davison County – Yellow Toadflax (R)

Deuel County – Yellow Toadflax (R)

Fall River County – Common Mullein (R), Houndstongue (N)

Hyde County – Bull Thistle (R), Houndstongue (R)

Pennington County – Houndstongue (R), Sulfur Cinquefoil (R), **Japanese Beetle (NN)**

Spink County – Yellow Toadflax (R)

Discussion was held on the locally noxious weed requests. A motion was made by Paul Coughlin to approve all the locally noxious weed requests, with the exception of Custer County for Tarragon and Pennington County for Japanese Beetle. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request to add Tarragon to the locally noxious weed listing. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to have a public hearing to approve putting Tarragon on the local list for counties. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request to add Japanese beetle to the locally noxious pest listing. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to have a public hearing to approve putting Japanese Beetle on the local list for counties. Seconded by Ryan Brunner. Motion carried.

Weed & Pest Coordinator Report was given by Brenda Sievers. Brenda reported on shows attended and upcoming county annual meetings that staff can attend.

Weed & Pest Supervisor Report was given by Ron Moehring. Ron talked about supervisor changes. Black Hills Stock Show and Watertown Farm Shows were attended by Department staff. Noxious weed acres are up this past year.

CAPS report was given by Dale Anderson. He discussed the surveys that were done in 2014 and the planned survey work for 2015. Mike Stenson reported on the CAPS projects that he assisted with, including the alfalfa weevil parasitoid, purple loosestrife and bio-control monitoring projects.

Weed & Pest Competitive Grant Reports from FY2015 were given on the following:

Grant #	Organization	Contact person		Project
WP-C15-1	Assn of SD County Weed & Pest Boards	Gary	Pribyl	2014 South Dakota Noxious Weed & Pest Alert
WP-C15-3	Hyde	Mikka	Pechacek	Hyde County Public Education of State & Hyde County Locally Noxious Weeds
WP-C15-5	Clay	Dennis	Ganschow	Missouri River & Its Tributaries, Salt Cedar Evaluation, Control & Eradication
WP-C15-8	Fall River	Nina	Steinmetz	Salt Cedar Challenge Part 2 - Fall River County
WP-C15-10	Haakon	Virgil	Smith	Cheyenne River Salt Cedar Mapping & Control
WP-C15-11	Charles Mix	Jon	Finney	Charles Mix County Hoary Cress Eradication Project
WP-C15-13	Butte	Bill	Eck	Hoary Cress Education & Chemical Cost Share
WP-C15-14	SDSU Weed & IPM Program	Paul	Johnson	Revision & Publishing of the Book "South Dakota Weeds"
WP-C15-15	SDSU Weed & IPM Program	Paul	Johnson	Noxious Weed Field Evaluation & Demonstration
WP-C15-17	Deuel County	Mike	Hinsvark	Queen Anne's Lace Control & Continuation of Common Tansy & Wild Parsnip Containment Project
WP-C15-18	Deuel County & SDSU IPM Program	Mike	Hinsvark	Extension of Poison Hemlock Demonstration Plt
WP-C15-19	Meade	Nathan	Jagim	Meade County Tamarix Management Project
WP-C15-20	Pennington	Scott	Guffey	Early Detection & Rapid Response to Spurge Flax & Sulphur Cinqufoil
WP-C15-21	SISMA	Dennie	Mann	Developing & Implementing Biological Control Solutions for Hoary Cress, Houndstongue and Toadflaxes in South Dakota
WP-C15-24	Stanley	Kelly	McCollam	Hoary Cress Mapping, Control & Education Project
WP-C15-25	SD-Nebraska Purple Loosestrife Mgmt Project	Neil	VonEschen	SD/NE PLS Management Project
WP-C15-28	Belle Fourche Watershed/Belle Fourche River Weed Mgmt Area	Nathan	Jagim	Control of Phragmites in the Belle Fourche River Watershed through Butte, Lawrence & Meade Counties

Paul Johnson from SDSU requested an extension for grant WP-C15-14. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering, seconded by Duane Buckmeier, to allow SDSU an extension on grant WP-C15-14 until December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

FY2016 Weed & Pest Control Commission Discussion & Decisions on Weed & Pest Fund Grants

FY2016 Regular/Contractual Weed & Pest Grant Applications - \$2,500 /\$5,000 divided amongst qualifying applicants (\$330,000 available) (Exhibit #4)

Grant #	Organization	Contact person		Project
WP-16-1	Minnehaha	Ralph	Hammer	Chemical, Seasonal Labor
WP-16-2	Pennington	Scott	Guffey	Chemical, Seasonal Labor
WP-16-3	Brown	Mike	Rohrbach	Promotional Items, Chemicals, Seasonal Labor, Radio Ads

WP-16-4	Beadle	Larry	Neuharth	Chemical
WP-16-5	Codington	Steve	Molengraaf	Chemical, Spraying Equipment, Seasonal Labor
WP-16-6	Brookings	Gary	Egeberg	Chemicals
WP-16-7	Yankton	Tom	Schramm	Chemicals
WP-16-8	Davison	Clayton	Wells	Chemicals
WP-16-9	Lawrence	David	Heck	Herbicides
WP-16-10	Aurora	Dale	Steffen	Chemical
WP-16-12	Bon Homme	Charlie	Bode	Chemicals, New Pump Motor
WP-16-13	Brule	Shannon	Rasmussen	Chemicals, Updates to Weed Equipment
WP-16-14	Buffalo	David	Gaulke	Chemicals, Sprayer Updates, Advertising, Seasonal Labor
WP-16-15	Butte	Don	Adams	Seasonal Labor & Chemicals
WP-16-16	Campbell	Shane	Cleghorn	Chemical, Equipment for Weed Control, Contract/Seasonal Labor, Promotional Items
WP-16-17	Charles Mix	Jon	Finney	Chemical, Aid in Bio Control for Leafy Spurge & Purple Loosestrife
WP-16-18	Clark	Larry	Lynch	Chemical
WP-16-19	Clay	Dennis	Ganschow	Chemicals
WP-16-20	Corson	Loyson	Carda	Chemical, Prairie Dog Bait, Contract/Seasonal Labor, Promotional/Education, County Spray Equipment
WP-16-21	Custer	Carley	Buckert	Chemicals, Maintaining Spray Equipment, Education
WP-16-22	Day	Charles	Fromelt	Chemicals, Contract Services for Labor & Equipment
WP-16-23	Deuel	Mike	Hinsvark	Chemical, Seasonal Labor, Sprayer Repairs & Pump Repairs, New Transfer Pump
WP-16-25	Douglas	Floyd	Muntefering	Chemical
WP-16-26	Edmunds	Lenny	Uhrich	Chemicals
WP-16-27	Fall River	Nina	Steinmetz	Chemicals, Purchase/Upgrade Spraying Tanks, Nozzles, Pumps, Hoses & Fittings, Educational Materials, Promotional Items
WP-16-28	Faulk	Roger	Dieter	Chemicals, Contract Labor
WP-16-29	Grant	Nathan	Mueller	Chemical, Application Equipment, Labor
WP-16-30	Gregory	Dewayne	Bennett	Chemical
WP-16-31	Haakon	Virgil	Smith	Chemicals, Application Equipment, Repairs to Equipment
WP-16-32	Hamlin	Bob	Feldhus	Seasonal Labor, Chemicals
WP-16-33	Hand	Randy	Peck	Chemical, Spraying Equipment, Seasonal Labor
WP-16-34	Hanson	Vince	Kayser	Chemical
WP-16-35	Harding	Don	Bruha	Chemicals, Application Equipment, Seasonal Labor, Educational Projects, Training & Certification for Supervisor
WP-16-36	Hughes	Don	Korkow	Contract Labor, Chemicals
WP-16-37	Hutchinson	Lonnie	Mayer	Chemicals & Contractual Labor
WP-16-38	Hyde	Mikka	Pechacek	Contract Sprayer to Apply Herbicides to ROWs
WP-16-39	Jackson	Kelly	Fortune	Chemicals, Education, Salaries, Promotional Items, Equipment, Repairs, Contract Spraying
WP-16-40	Jerauld	Gene	Fastnacht	Chemicals
WP-16-41	Jones	Travis	Hendricks	Chemical, Seasonal Labor, Advertising, Equipment Rental, Meeting Expense
WP-16-42	Kingsbury	Amy	Wilkinson	Chemicals, Seasonal/Contractual Labor
WP-16-43	Lake	Robert	Johnson	Chemical

WP-C16-15	Belle Fourche Watershed/	Nathan	Jagim	Control of Phragmites in the Belle Fourche River Watershed Through Butte, Lawrence & Meade Counties
WP-C16-16	Meade	Nathan	Jagim	Badlands Creek Watershed Tamarix Project
WP-C16-17	Meade	Nathan	Jagim	Sulfur Cinquefoil Control Project
WP-C16-18	SD/NE Purple Loosestrife	Neil	Von Eschen	SD/NE Purple Loosestrife Management

Grant Committee Spokesman Paul Coughlin went over the committee recommendations for the regular/contractual grants and the competitive grants.

The grant review committee recommended approving the following competitive grants:

- WP-C16-1 (\$25,000)
- WP-C16-2 (\$47,000)
- WP-C16-3 (\$45,000)
- WP-C16-4 (\$1,520)
- WP-C16-6 (\$4,500)
- WP-C16-7 (\$46,156)
- WP-C16-8 (\$7,200)
- WP-C16-9 (\$15,000)
- WP-C16-10 (\$3,970)
- WP-C16-11 (\$20,000)
- WP-C16-12 (\$3,000)
- WP-C16-15 (\$50,000)
- WP-C16-16 (\$6,000)
- WP-C16-17 (\$5,500)
- WP-C16-18 (\$12,656)

Chairman Diebert went over the items that counties requested on their contractual/regular grants that are not allowed. Any grants that are approved – if spray equipment is approved, no trucks will be allowed. Any meetings will be meeting room expense and coffee only. If advertising, no legal notices are allowed. If labor is requested, only seasonal or contractual labor is allowed – no supervisor's wages.

The total amount of the competitive grants recommended for approval is \$292,502.

A motion was made by Ron Thyen to approve the contractual/regular grants and the competitive grants as recommended by the Committee. Floyd Muntefering seconded. Motion carried.

Grant Signatory Authority

Brenda Sievers briefed the Commission on the contracts that are signed after the Commission approval of the grants, and who is authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the Commission. A motion was made by Paul Coughlin to grant signatory authority on the Weed and Pest Grant Contracts to the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, or his designee. Seconded by Jason Humphrey. Motion carried.

Aquatic Nuisance Species

Paul Coughlin briefed the Commission on the proposed rules that will be coming before the Game Fish and Parks Commission to add Phragmites to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Listing. The intent of the rules is to prevent the movement of Aquatic Nuisance Species from being moved from waterbody to waterbody. It will allow GF&P personnel to have watercraft cleaned before leaving one waterbody, so movement doesn't take place to another waterbody.

Annual Meeting Date

The Annual Meeting and the Rules Hearing tentative date were discussed, but will depend on hearing date and room availability. Brenda will let everyone know when she can get it scheduled, but will try for the 2nd week of April.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering and seconded by Craig Magedanz to approve the bills for this meeting, Weed & Pest Conference and the review committee meetings. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryan Brunner, seconded by Duane Buckmeier, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary



Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)