

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
April 22, 2021 – 10:00 am CT
Matthew Training Center, Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD

Chairman Lynn Deibert called the meeting to order at 10:08 am, April 22, 2021.

Members Present: Commissioners Duane Buckmeier, Craig Magedanz, Lynn Diebert, Darwin Kurtenbach, Dennis Feickert, Association of SD County Commissioners Representative Brenda Hanten; Non-Voting Members - SD Department of Agriculture representative Bill Smith; SDSU Representative Paul Johnson; and Commission Secretary and Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers. (Exhibit #1)

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

A motion was made by Dennis Feickert, seconded by Darwin Kurtenbach, to approve the minutes from Meeting 1 and Meeting 2 held on February 19th. Motion carried.

Activity Reports

Weed & Pest Coordinator's Report – Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Brenda Sievers reported that the merger between Department of Agriculture and Department of Environment and Natural Resources became effective April 19. Sievers attended and presented at two annual weed meetings this year but most counties did not have annual weed meetings. Sievers gave the CAPS report on 2021 plans, as well as staff assisted with a truck check, looking for plant materials/nursery stock. Jeremiah Phelps, Weed & Pest Program Specialist, reported that the 2020 Inspection Summary was compiled and would be available on the website.

USDA APHIS-PPQ Report

Amy Mesman, State Plant Health Director, gave updates on programs, including CAPS and grasshoppers.

District Reports

District reports were given by Duane Buckmeier, District 4 – guys are getting ready to spray in his area by getting help hired and bids out for chemical; Darwin Kurtenbach, District 2 – he wasn't able to attend any annual weed meetings in his area, though there were only two held; Dennis Feickert, District 1 – they have done their bids for chemical and are dry, needing rain; Craig Magedanz, At Large – in his area they were lucky to get some moisture, wormwood sage is starting to grow and he's aware there are some issues with chemical availability at the county level; and Lynn Deibert, District 3 – his area is really dry but the wormwood sage is also coming up there. He's heard of a plastic jug shortage as well as a chemical shortage.

Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Bill Smith, Division Director of Resource Conservation & Forestry, reported on meetings coming up as well as Arbor Day plans and the Riparian Buffer Initiative.

SDSU

Paul Johnson talked about setting up wormwood sage herbicide test plots. The Precision Ag Building will be opening on campus in the fall as well as a remodel in Ag Hall.

Association of County Commissioners

Brenda Hanten reported that county auditors are being asked to put together information for benefits, including a possible group health insurance pool for all county employees in the state. Hanten reported on HB1259 which will provide funds for township infrastructure improvements. She also talked about possible burn bans in Codington County and working to allow the emergency management director to take it off prior to the next county commission meeting should the conditions warrant that action.

Old Business

No old business presented.

New Business

Weed & Pest Conference 2022

Gary Pribyl reported the next Weed and Pest Conference will be held February 16, 17 & 18, 2022, at the Ramada in Mitchell. Program topics are needed for the Conference, with several suggestions received. Pribyl also mentioned shows that the Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards plans to participate in. One suggestion was to have a presentation at the SD County Commissioners Meeting on September 13 or 14th, explaining the importance of a noxious weed program.

Long Term Directives

The Long Term Directives were presented. Brenda Sievers covered the changes made to the document from last year. A motion was made by Darwin Kurtenbach, seconded by Duane Buckmeier, to approve the Long Term Directives as presented. Motion carried.

Annual Work Plan

The Annual Work Plan was presented. Brenda Sievers went over the changes made, including the new dates on the calendar of events. The fall Commission Meeting is scheduled for September 15th, with the fall tour September 16th. The fall tour was discussed, including what Commission members would like to see on the tour of District 2. Paul Johnson talked about several options between the Madison and Brookings area, since there hasn't been a past tour in that area. A motion was made by Craig Magedanz, seconded by Darwin Kurtenbach, to approve the Annual Work Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Elections

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Gary Pribyl to conduct elections. Gary Pribyl called for nominations for Chairman. Darwin Kurtenbach to nominated Lynn Deibert for Chairman. A motion was made by Craig Magadanz, seconded by Duane Buckmeier, to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Lynn Deibert for Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert took back over the meeting. The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Darwin Kurtenbach nominated Craig Magadanz. A motion was made by Darwin Kurtenbach, seconded by Dennis Feickert, to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Craig Magadanz for Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Public Comment Period

At 11:33 am, Chairman Deibert opened the meeting for public comments. There were no public comments presented.

Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Dennis Feickert, seconded by Darwin Kurtenbach, to pay the meeting expenses, salary and per diem for meetings attended. Motion carried.

Chairman Deibert declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)