

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING
April 4, 2022 – 1:00 pm CT
Matthew Training Center, Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD

Vice-Chairman Craig Magedanz called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm, April 4, 2022.

Members Present: Commissioners Duane Buckmeier, Craig Magedanz, Bruce Helbig, Darwin Kurtenbach, Dennis Feickert, Association of SD County Commissioners Representative Brenda Hanten; Department of Transportation Representative Thomas Druyvestein; Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin; and School and Public Lands representative Mike Cornelison. 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)

Bruce Helbig made a motion to approve the agenda (Exhibit #2). Seconded by Paul Coughlin. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Darwin Kurtenbach, seconded by Dennis Feickert, to approve the minutes from Meeting 1 and Meeting 2 held on February 16th. Motion carried.

Activity Reports

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

Brenda Sievers reported that grant agreements have gone out for the Weed and Pest Grants, and on Annual Weed Meetings attended. Jeremiah Phelps reports on the Annual Weed Meetings that he has attended. Dale Anderson gave a report on the upcoming CAPS projects for 2022.

USDA APHIS-PPQ Report

Amy Mesman, State Plant Health Director, gave updates on programs.

District Reports

District reports were given by Darwin Kurtenbach, District 2 – has attended annual weed meetings in his area; Craig Magedanz, At Large – he has attended three annual weed meetings in his area and is setting good for moisture; Dennis Feickert, District 1 – didn't get an opportunity to attend any annual weed meetings this spring but they are getting a little rain now; Duane Buckmeier, District 4 – everyone is getting their paperwork done; and Bruce Helbig, District 3 – helped with Ag Fest, sent an email to all those counties in his area and attended the Sully County Weed Board Meeting.

Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources

Bill Smith, Division Director of Resource Conservation & Forestry, reported on staffing changes, the upcoming Conservation Commission Meeting, and legislative items.

Department of Game Fish & Parks

Paul Coughlin reported on hiring interns and seasonal help. Prices are going up with their contractors, both for labor and herbicide costs. They have had some trouble hiring because of their CDL requirements with their gooseneck trailers and what they are hauling.

Department of Transportation

Tom Druyvestein reported on weed and pest contracts have been coming in a little higher than previous ones.

School and Public Lands

Mike Cornelison reported that Jarrod Johnson is now the Commissioner for School and Public Lands.

SDSU

Paul Johnson introduced Dave Vos who helps with the project. He talked about summer weed projects and has also been attending annual weed meetings. He talked about endangered species when they are renewing labels. Enlist

can now be used in the eight counties that originally couldn't spray the product. He talked about the chemical shortages, and they have printed new copies of the noxious weed and pasture guides. They are planning to redo the noxious weed pocket guides to add in palmer amaranth and move absinth wormwood to the state listing.

Association of County Commissioners

Brenda Hanten reported that the county commissioners fall meeting will be held September 12 and 13 in Pierre. She also gave updates on the legislative bills that the Commissioners Association was working on during session and the summer studies that will take place. There are seven counties participating in a pilot court system security grant program.

Old Business

No old business presented.

New Business

Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards

The Association's FY2023 grant application that was approved by the Commission in February only listed radio advertising. Their board is requesting to allow other advertising rather than just radio advertising. Darwin Kurtenbach made a motion to allow the change in the WP-C23-9 to include other means of advertising rather than just radio ads. Seconded by Bruce Helbig. Motion carried.

Weed & Pest Conference 2023

Gary Pribyl reported the next Weed and Pest Conference will be held February 15, 16 & 17, 2023, at the Crossroads Hotel and Huron Event Center in Huron. The 2022 Conference essentially broke even, which was good since the meeting place changed from Mitchell to Huron. There were many positive comments on the speakers who presented.

Long Term Directives

The Long Term Directives were presented. Brenda Sievers explained the draft changes made to the document from last year. After a discussion and questions were answered on the directives, a motion was made by Brenda Hanten, seconded by Dennis Feickert, 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 District 3 on September 14th, with the fall tour September 15th. Questions were asked and answered on the annual work plan. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Bruce Helbig, to approve the Annual Work Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Grant Criteria

Vice-Chairman Magedanz talked about the grant committee meeting and the repetitive grant requests that have been seen the last few years. He was wanting to bring awareness to the Commission members prior to the upcoming grant round in the fall and to possibly look at options when it comes time to make decisions on the grant criteria. The Grant Committee thought that at some point after funding competitive grants for several years, the county or landowners should be taking care of the problem on their own. Several suggestions were heard including possibly adding in a section on the application for projected length of time for a proposed project.

Elections

Vice-Chairman Magedanz conducted the elections since his term will be up in December. Vice-Chairman Magedanz called for nominations for Chairman. Vice-Chairman Magedanz nominated Darwin Kurtenbach for Chairman. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Brenda Hanten, to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Darwin Kurtenbach for Chairman. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Magedanz called for nominations for Vice-Chairman position. Duane Buckmeier nominated Bruce Helbig. A motion was made by Dennis Feickert, seconded by Paul Coughlin, to have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Bruce Helbig for Vice-Chairman. Motion carried.

Public Comment Period

Vice-Chairman Magedanz opened the meeting for public comments. Nathan Mueller, Grant County Weed Supervisor, stated the Weed Supervisor’s Association was planning a Plant ID Tour the first week of June in the Ordway Prairie area. Nathan Jagim, Meade County Weed Supervisor, brought up the training opportunity to be held for supervisors and sprayers on May 18 in Rapid City, with ATV Training planned for May 19.

Approval of Bills

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

Vice-Chairman Magedanz declared the meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Darwin Kurtenbach, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)

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