

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA ANNUAL WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING 1
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 8:30 am MT
The Lodge, Deadwood, SD

Chairman Darwin Kurtenbach called the meeting to order at 8:32 am, February 18, 2026.

Members Present: Commissioners Chuck Anderson, Dennis Feickert, Deb Schultz, Darren Bauer, Darwin Kurtenbach, Department of Transportation Representative Christina Bennett; School and Public Lands Commissioner Brock Greenfield; Association of SD County Commissioners Representative Charles Verhulst; Game Fish & Parks representative Ryan Wendinger (on phone), Non-Voting Members - SDSU Representative Eric Jones and Commission Secretary and Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers.

Chuck Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Christina Bennett. Roll Call: Anderson – yes; Bauer – yes; Bennett – yes; Feickert – yes; Greenfield – yes; Schultz – yes; Verhulst – yes; Wendinger – yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Kurtenbach asked Sievers to read the Committee recommendations for funding the FY2027 grants from the Grant Committee Meeting held on January 6th in Pierre. The Committee consisted of Chairman Darwin Kurtenbach, Chuck Anderson, Dennis Feickert, School and Public Lands Commissioner Brock Greenfield, SDSU Representative Eric Jones and Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Representative Bill Smith.

The Committee recommended funding the following Competitive Grants:

- WP-C27-1 – Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards – 2026 Awareness Project - \$55,000
- WP-C27-2 – Hyde County Weed & Pest Board – Hyde County Houndstongue Control Project - \$8,500
- WP-C27-5 – Fall River County Weed & Pest Board – The Fall River County “Insider – Edition II” Educational Booklet - \$1,500
- WP-C27-6 – Brown County Weed & Pest Board – Yellow Toadflax Mapping & Spot Spray Project - \$1,000
- WP-C27-7 – SDSU Extension Service Weed Management – Improving Noxious Weed Management with Historical Data & Under-Utilized Herbicides – \$50,298
- WP-C27-8 – Pennington County Weed & Pest Board – Pennington County Spotted Knapweed & Oxeye Daisy - \$8,000

The Committee recommended not funding the following Competitive Grants:

- WP-C27-3 – Butte County for Gravel Pit & Material Stock Pile Weed Control Project
- WP-C27-4 – Fall River County for Salt Cedar & Leafy Spurge Round Up
- WP-C27-9 – Jackson County for Weed Control County Road Right Away, which was denied by the Commission at their December meeting.

Sievers gave an overview of the Committee reasons for those competitive grants not recommended to receive funding.

Chairman Kurtenbach opened the public comment period. No public comments were received.

Chairman Kurtenbach declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 am.



Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary



Darwin W. Kurtenbach, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)