

NDWCA Area II Minutes

Barnes County Highway Dept., Valley City, ND

Yet to be approved

October 22nd, 2018

Area Director, Ron Manson called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. Introductions. Counties present were: Barnes, Cass, Dickey, LaMoure and Stutsman. Cities present were West Fargo. Others present were: Chelsey Penuel, NDDA, Richard Weisz, NDDA, Dr. Rod Lym, NDSU, Bill Walker, Nutrien Solutions, Chuck Wilcox, Alligare and Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive secretary.

Ron Manson welcomed everyone and mentioned that the hot topic in the area is Palmer Amaranth. Al Ulmer from LaMoure County stated that they had found some.

Additional agenda items: none

Minutes:

The 2017 area II minutes were reviewed. Jamen Windish moved to accept the minutes as presented, Terry Weis seconded the motion. **M/C**

Old Business:

Annual Meeting update:

Merlin gave the annual meeting update. The annual meeting will be held on January 7, 8, 9, & 10th 2019 at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck. There will be a board meeting Monday evening at 5:00 pm. Tuesday morning and part of the afternoon will be the Ag. Commissioner's forum. Around 3:30, we will have our annual business meeting. Tuesday evening will be the beer and brat social and auction. Please bring an auction item or items to be auctioned off. Net proceeds go to the education committee for their years' activities. Wednesday will begin at 8:00 with a welcome from the Mayor of Bismarck followed by speakers. The women's luncheon and program will begin at 12 noon. The noon luncheon will begin at 12:00 as well. At 1:30 we will go into general session. No breakout sessions this year. Wednesday evening, we will have a social at 6:00 sponsored by Corteva, followed by our awards banquet and entertainment. This year's entertainment is Linebenders, a comedy group from Fargo. Nutrien Solutions and Bill Walker is the sponsor for the entertainment. Thursday morning, we will again have the exhibitor breakfast, starting at 6:30, followed by speakers at 8:00 until noon. There will be a board meeting at noon on Thursday to wrap up the activities.

Exhibitor Breaks: We would like everyone to contact their local businesses for their support. For a mere \$25, they could become a sponsor of our breaks. There is a letter printed that you can take to them. Also, there is one on our website, to be downloaded.

Awards: Once again the association will be offering two awards, a Lifetime Achievement Award and the Weed Warrior Award. Fill out the form and mail or e mail to Merlin by December 15th. Forms are in the back, or on the website.

During the conference we will again have for sale caps, vests and jackets.

County reports:

Stutsman: Given by Ron Manson

We cover 2,600 miles and 1.4 million acres. We have 4-part time employees. Sprayed all the roads twice from spring to fall. Winter came early. Had 4 field days, of which one was for industry. Harvested 1.6 million beetles in 7 collecting days. Hopefully next year, more insectaries will be available. North end of county has a lot of spurge. This spring, we did tree spraying again. Sprayed cattails. Farmers are really appreciative when we do this. Did a large Houndstongue search. The more we looked, the more we found. Did some spraying with escort. Spent \$60,000 in cost share this year. Also, cost shared 150 gallons of Plateau in addition to the cost share. Found a large infestation of Yellow Toadflax. We are still doing some late Canada thistle spraying.

City of West Fargo: Given by Prene Freeman

In the city ordinance, the noxious weed portion is enforced. If we can't get people to control the noxious weeds, then we give Stan Wolf, Cass County, the case to enforce it. We attack Leafy Spurge and Canada thistle in the spring. We send out notices. As developments take place, the problems clean themselves up. Even though the weed are still there. We give them 7 days to do it themselves, otherwise we have it sprayed. We do the enforcement with recommendations from Stan. We don't have a weed board, like Fargo does. The county is the weed board for us as well.

Cass County: Submitted by Stan Wolf

Contracted out road ditch spraying to two contractors, dividing the county into two districts. Contractors were to scout and spot spray all state, county and township roads. Spraying operations started in early June. Due to the heightened concern regarding Dicamba drift onto conventional soybeans, we used Tordon/Freelexx 2 4-D during the summer at a 22 oz. /32 oz. rate. We had no spray drift complaints this year, partially due to the herbicide mix and experienced operator performance. Fall spray operations consisted of one contractor using Tordon/Overdrive; the other contractor used Tordon/Freelexx. Perspective and Method were applied in the I 94 and I 29 medians in mid-July. Last year's fall spraying seemed to have fewer Leafy spurge showing and those that were showing seemed shorter. Leafy spurge, Canada thistle and Absinth wormwood were the prominent weeds in the road ditches, with Canada thistle most prevalent. Spraying operations ceased due to persistent below freezing temperatures in early October. 8,200 acres were sprayed in road ditches.

Weed control staff monitored the various county owned properties and sprayed where needed. Two borrow pits were inspected for road projects. Gravel suppliers outside the county did ask if I could inspect their pit operations for noxious weeds, so they could comply with Cass County highway dept. bid specifications. I referred them to their county weed office for the inspection.

Purple loosestrife showed up in new locations along I 29 and the railroad line north of Fargo and in a water retention area in Fargo. Two other areas in Fargo continue to need to be monitored and sprayed.

Houndstongue was found again in the usual location; however, the number of plants was greatly reduced. This area has been scouted every year since 2004, flowering and mature plants were hand pulled and bagged, rosettes sprayed with Escort.

Leafy spurge beetles were collected in good numbers this year in several areas in the county. Brought in some beetles collected in Stutsman County. We are working to develop new insectaries by introducing Flea beetles in pastures and other grasslands.

Canada thistle stem mining weevils were released in five areas in cooperation with US Fish & Wildlife.

Yellow toadflax was identified within the cities of Fargo and West Fargo in one location each.

Purchased a drone, a DJI Phantom IV, to assist in scouting. This is a great tool for scouting areas where access is difficult with an UTV or by walking. Have used unit to scout drain ditches, old gravel pits in the middle of a field. Time savings is great, 15 minutes to fly vs 30+ minutes with an UTV. Weeds are easily identified, especially when weeds are in bloom.

Purchased a one-ton truck with a 400 gallon tank to provide water for UTV sprayers.

Numerous landowners were notified that they had uncontrolled noxious weeds on their property.

Dickey: submitted by Terry Weiss

May started out slow spraying Wormwood. It wasn't until the end of May before you were able to spot the Leafy spurge.

Both trucks had recalls on the transmission and sprayer school was also in May.

Once I was able to identify where the Leafy spurge was, the wind started to blow and blow. The Leafy spurge is in places where I have not seen it in the past. Mid-June the wind still seems to blow every day with front after front.

Finished the state and federal roads on the 14th of June and now will be able to go over the county roads.

I put in long days when I was able to spray. With only one person on the roads spraying, I had to keep my butt in the truck to get through all 1,100 miles of bladed county and township roads.

I had trouble in July when I was spraying cattails with the strainer. The surfactant had trouble going through the strainer and kept plugging up and bending the strainer, causing low pressure going to the sprayer.

In August, we purchased a Phantom 4 Pro Quadcopter obsidian drone along with the Dickey County Agent's office. We have not flown the drone yet, we will be getting our pilot's license this winter.

There seemed to be more Canada thistle this year. I had to spend more time going back over some roads after the ditches were mowed later in the year. I went over those areas with Milestone in the fall and hopefully next year I will see an improvement.

When I was spraying the last tank of Milestone, on Highway #11, I ran over something and ruined a front tire on the one-ton truck. I had to get two new tires so I could end the season.

When the Palmer amaranth was found, in the Kulm area, it became the focus for the balance of the year. And then, sure enough, it was found in Dickey County as well, and the focus is going to be on next year, to somehow stay ahead of the rapid spread of this destructive plant. Our chemical cost share may have to be put on hold, until we can get a handle on what needs to be done to contain the Palmer amaranth in Dickey County.

Barnes: submitted by Jamen Windish

We started off the year by ordering another spray truck. It was a Dodge 3500 with a 400 gallon spray tank and a custom made sprayer from F&S Manufacturing out of Fargo. The Truck was to arrive in Late April early May we didn't see it 'til the end of July. Finally got it all put together by the middle of August.

We hired 2 new employees and started the year off training them in. Rain early in the summer kept us out of the State and County ditches 'til the first parts of July. 2018 was the first year our weed board did all the spraying of every township right of way. Since the new truck was late we got behind on some of the things we wanted to get done. We wrapped up spraying all the county, state, and township roads the end of July.

Flea beetles were tough to come by this summer. We did not find and collectible sites in Barnes County. We assisted Ron in Stutsman with the collection of beetles for their field day and we went back to those sites after to collect for our landowners in Barnes County. I still have my sights on finding a location in Barnes to start a field day here. I know the need and demand for them is high in the state.

We continued our hounds tongue effort in the river valley early in the summer. We pulled and sprayed in the same areas we did the last few years. We are making some headway with the control of it. We are using Opensight for our chemical. We also assisted the Us Fish and Wildlife crew in some areas with hounds tongue.

I did not find any knapweed this year. Last year we found over 70 plants that we sprayed and pulled. We will continue to monitor that area every year.

Purple loosestrife along the river banks in Valley City is improving. We are seeing less dense patches than previous years. However we had a spot north of Sanborn that had about 20 acres of it. Last year there were maybe 50 plants. This year there was several hundred plants. We sprayed that with an airplane. We hope to receive biocontrol next year for this spot is in a sensitive area. With further scouting we found rouge plants around the area. We did a 5 mile radius of what we could scout and found it in a few different areas.

LaMoure County: Given by Al Ulmer & James Riddle

Got through all state and county roads twice. This fall was tough due to the windy conditions. County pulled a lot of shoulders this spring, which brought a new flush of weeds. Canada thistle and trees are two tough weeds in the road ditches. Leafy spurge infestations were down, then it rained, bringing a lot of new spurge this fall. Had quite a bit of Yellow toadflax this year.

The county commissioners cut \$33,000 to \$34,000 from our budget this year. Numbers of landowners cost sharing was down from last year.

We have a good handle on Spotted knapweed. Leafy spurge flea beetle number were down from last year. Didn't have a collection this year. It is tough to find help to help with spraying. We did find some Palmer Amaranth this year.

Break

Agencies:

Dr. Rod Lym, NDSU: Last summer at NDSU! It's the first time since 1979 that I did not spray any plots. Worked on the two new ID books. That took quite a bit of time.

Completed a bio control study from the Badlands, and put the findings on a poster. A lot of biocontrol is done in South Africa and other countries. United States is not even in the top 4 or 5 in the world, when it comes to work on biocontrol.

All the beetles found in North Dakota came from the original sites in either Barnes or Ward counties. If a disease ever occurred in the flea beetles, there is a very good possibility that the entire flea beetle population in North Dakota could be wiped out!

The original beetles came from the Ukraine via Switzerland, to Texas, to Bozeman, Montana, then to Fargo via greyhound bus.

Industry:**Karissa Floerchinger– Corteva Agriscience**

With the merger of three companies, Pioneer, DuPont and DOW, Dow has become Corteva Agriscience. Cor – center, teva –earth.

Thanks for another great year. We have a great partnering relationship with the weed association. We sponsor a lifetime webpage ad, the KFYZ farm show booth, the convention banquet social, advertise in the convention booklet, provide measuring instruments, and help sponsor the calibration – sprayer schools in May.

Concern weeds:

Canada thistle – spring or fall – 6-7oz Milestone (3-3.3 oz Opensight) + 1-2 pints Freelexx + 1 qt/100 NIS

Absinth wormwood – spring or fall – 6-7oz Milestone (3-3.3 oz Opensight) + 1-2 pints Freelexx + 1 qt/100 NIS

Houndstongue – May-June – 3.3 oz Opensight + 1 oz Escort

New Products: Consider incorporating Vastlan, Cleantraxx and Freelexx into your program.

Milestone or GrazonNext: Hay from grass treated with Milestone within the preceding 18 months can only be used on the farm or ranch where the product is applied unless allowed by supplemental labeling. Can be sold off that farm or ranch with the supplemental label.

7 oz Milestone with 7 oz Plateau will control winter annuals such as Cheat grass.

We will be having a tour in North Dakota next summer, demonstrating our latest chemical. Hope you can make it at that time. Should be a good time as well.

Please read the label when it comes to any of our products. Please follow that label. If you have any questions concerning that label, please contact me, or your chemical supplier, for answers. I don't want to have you end up receiving a large fine, or worst case scenario, in a lawsuit.

Alligare – Chuck Wilcox

We are a post patent company. We sell numerous products.

Dryphosate - A fully loaded Glyphosate in easy-to-store, easy-to-use, easy-to-dispose dry formulation. Contains both AMS and a surfactant. Mixes readily with water to be applied as a foliar spray for the control or destruction of most herbaceous plants.

Telar does a good job on Yellow toadflax.

We have a full line of aquatic products.

Glyphosate – Monsanto and the lawsuit. Possibly the verdict will be thrown out. Bayer owns Monsanto. A study that came out last week says that it is killing bees. The study also says that it does not affect the bee directly, but through the gut. The study has numerous flaws.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to doing business with you. Thank you.

Bill Walker, NDWCA Industry Rep & Nutrien Solutions

Over the past few weeks to month there has all the sudden been a flurry of activity in the pesticide industry.

First of all, on behalf of Nutrien Solutions, formerly CPS, thank you for your patronage this past growing season.

On July 1 CPS became Nutrien Solutions. All e mails with the CPS address will be no longer valid come January 1. You will have to switch your e mails over to the new name. Also, we will have a customer portal, where you will be able to access your account, showing ordering history, balance, etc.

*CORTEVA — (formally Dow AgroSciences/DuPont)

Milestone Herbicide - will have the same government programs and pricing in 2019 as was in 2018, \$277.00 per gallon for 2.5 - gallon containers and \$70.75 per quart, non-government Milestone pricing has remained stable and is still a manufacturer price set product.

Tordon 22K Herbicide - will remain stable as it looks for now going into 2019, CORTEVA has left the special government pricing in place so we should see no changes there.

Freelexx Herbicide - pricing has increased, CORTEVA has said that some of the components used in formulation has increased so pricing is up, currently it looks like pricing could be up as much as \$3.00 per gallon going into 2019.

Opensight Herbicide – pricing has remained stable so far, with a drop in pricing currently at \$84.00 per pound for 2019 and is still a manufacturer price set product.

Most all their other products are showing 3% to 5% increases going from 2018 to 2019 and many of these prices became effective October 1, 2018 but again other than Freelexx.

*BAYER (and now Monsanto as well — who is owned by Bayer)

Method 240 SL Herbicide — pricing will remain the same for 2019 from 2018 pricing, no price increases, 2.5 - gallon containers \$318.72 per gallon and quart containers are \$91.52 per quart, this product is agency priced by the manufacturer.

Labeling on the Method 240 SL Herbicide has remained the same as before with the supplemental labeling making allowances for applications on right-a-ways that transect grazed sites with no grazing restrictions on these, still has 'NO' haying labeling regardless of site including the right-a-ways that would transect these.

The supplemental labeling on the Method 240 SL is set to expire June of 2020 so we have a little more time on that.

In conversations with Bayer they have not made much progress with EPA beyond the current supplemental labeling to bring this product into broader usage in grazed areas.

Esplanade 200 SC Herbicide - will see a price increase as of January 1, 2019, product is used mostly for bareground so it really does not affect many of you, pricing will go from \$1,113.60 per gallon to \$1,169.92 per gallon in 2.5-gallon containers and from \$309.76 per quaff to \$318.72 per quart starting January 1, 2019, any product purchased and delivered before January 1, 2019 will get the 2018 pricing.

Escort XP, Telar XP, Esplanade EZ — will all see some price increases from 5% to 7% and in some cases a bit higher, Bayer like so many others are blaming increased tech product costs from producers and suppliers (we will get more into that in a few minutes).

-perspective Herbicide — Bayer is no longer producing, there is still some in the market but not much, if you want any you might be checking with your suppliers to see if they have any.

Streamline Herbicide - is no longer produced and there is none in the market, the product is gone.

Bayer is looking at and working on a couple of new products:

Invora - which will be a mixture of Triclopyr and Aminocyclopyrachlor (Method 240 SL), plan is to possibly get this product into the range and pasture markets, much more will be discussed at the annual meeting as Bayer will be doing a presentation on this product.

Plainview Herbicide — combination of Esplanade 200 SC, Method 240 SL Herbicide and Arsenal Herbicide, this product will be targeted for bareground and will be a liquid bareground product, still working on this one as well.

*BASF — We have not seen anything from BASF yet or any conversations, in the past couple of years they have been stable on pricing or slight increases, Overdrive might see some price increases due to increased costs of dicamba, Plateau we are still unsure of yet, off shore technical material for production should not affect the Plateau as it is all made in a US location anyway.

*NuFarm

NuFarm is moving somewhat into the game again, in discussions with NuFarm just last week we are seeing them move a few more products into these markets. NuFarm has been basic in 2,4-D products for many years, much of the 2,4-D information we have been getting has been from NuFarm and they are telling everybody expect price increases on these (2,4-D / phenoxy) types of products.

E-2 Herbicide — many of you have use this product in select areas for various weed control and helping with Kochia control as well as Leafy Spurge and other noxious weeds, NuFarm this year has made E-2 a

manufacturer price set product, pricing is set at \$42.00 per gallon, this pricing will be somewhat up, new pricing is in effect.

AquaSweep Herbicide - a good choice for some aquatic weed problems as well as some brush problems — this is a mixture of triclopyr and 2, 4-D Amine, full aquatic labeling and is a manufacturer price set product, pricing is set at \$48.00 per gallon, this pricing will be somewhat up and new pricing is in effect.

Piper Herbicide — is targeted at bareground applications and should help on some resistant species as well, manufacturer price set product and is set at \$96.00 per pound, not a standalone but good tank mixed with other products

Payload Herbicide — targeted at bareground, is price set at \$70.00 per pound

Clipper SC Herbicide — Clipper SC Herbicide is an aquatic labeled Payload Herbicide, excellent for bareground applications to rip rap sites and other sites close to aquatic sites, also has aquatic weed labeling as well for actual in water usages, product is manufacturer price set and is priced at \$680.00 per gallon

Razor Xtreme Herbicide — 6# per gallon glyphosate, fully loaded with surfactant, this product has all Industrial, Rightaway, turf and ornamental labeling needed, pricing from what we are hearing (not fully finalized) will be very competitive to what products you are currently using

*2,4-D Products, Dicamba Products and Glyphosate Products:

We have seen substantial price increases already and have been warned about substantial price increases coming across the board on these products and associated products, much of this information has been coming from NuFarm who is one of the largest basics in phenoxy production in the US as well as other countries.

Currently has been the low-price increases with these slowly raising as the year goes and we get into 2019, we have seen some pricing as high as 25% on amines and 32% on esters up so far (these are mainly from suppliers that are getting their technical material and finished products off shore (China and others).

Chinese manufacturers are now responsible for their waste products from the manufacture of their products, Chinese EPA has cracked down on the disposal and the manufacturers can no longer just dump the waste product from manufacturing anywhere they want, this is now driving up costs across the board in China and driving up costs of off-shore products as well.

Many were blaming the possibility of new Tariffs but that is not as much the case as the disposal issues of manufacturing waste in China and the crack down on the manufacturing.

Also, some of the major components used in production of the finished phenoxy products have gone up as well (Phenol a major component is currently up as much as \$.80 per gallon (NuFarm October 2018 meeting report) and expected to get higher, so all combined are playing a role in seeing increased pricing on some of the older commodity products pricing including the 2, 4-Ds, dicambas, glyphosates and others.

Dyes — for those using dyes in the spraying programs, you might see some price increases, many of the technical acids used in the dye making process are manufactured in China, we have already had 2 dye manufacturers warn us there might be some increases due to that.

Surfactants and Others —these seem stable so far, we have not seen any large price increases and many of these are tied either to the petroleum markets or crop markets and most of these are produced here in the USA.

Glyphosate lawsuit — the only information I currently have on this is that Monsanto has appealed the decision that was made in the 9th circuit court in California, they are quite about any further discussion but where the decision was made tells much of the story in its self.

Government: David Hirsch, Government director, read by Ron Manson

2018 Field Season Highlights:

Budget:

- APHIS Biocontrol funding for APHIS is stable for the 2019 fiscal year.

Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol:

- Plans were to release purple loosestrife biocontrol agents north of Mandan along the Missouri River to augment existing releases. Unfortunately, flooding along the Missouri occurred the entire summer and submerged the site. It's unknown at this time if the flooding impacted the existing weevil population at the site. Continued monitoring will be and additional releases will be planned.

Leafy Spurge Biocontrol:

- PPQ participated or conducted in 6 flea beetle field days. Beetle population densities are greater than last year's levels and very successful field days occurred. Demand for beetles remains very high.
- An important new field day was held this year in Morton County. Cody Schnabel and Bill Haas from the ND Game and Fish partnered to host a great event near St. Anthony. Over 400,000 beetles were packaged for approximately 75 landowners.
- APHIS Bismarck hosted a Leafy Spurge Biocontrol Workshop for Nebraska and Kansas crews the week of June 25th. Field crews from those states were given presentations on flea beetle biology and the North Dakota field day techniques and equipment used. Field training and collections were made at sites in Morton and Grant Counties and they travelled home with coolers of beetles to start/restart spurge biocontrol programs in those two states.

Yellow Toadflax Biocontrol:

- My intention was to harvest and redistribute yellow toadflax agents near Minot this season. Unfortunately the workload and small staff did not make that possible this season. Discussions need to be made with association members to build a game plan to begin harvesting/redistributing the toadflax agents. It was learned this season that yellow toadflax agent harvests will likely occur in early May in North Dakota.

Canada thistle Rust Biocontrol:

- Chelsey Penuel of the ND Dept. of Agriculture was successful in obtaining Canada thistle rust inoculum material to release in ND. The goal will be to establish rust harvest sites and create another tool for thistle management. Chelsey's releases are an important milestone for ND as they will be the first of its type to occur.

NDDA Update: Richard Weisz, noxious weed specialist:

Richard’s contact number: 701-328-2250 – Noxious weeds, federal & state funding, enforcement issues
Chelsey Penuel’s: 701-226-4321 - Biocontrol, Weed Seed Free Forage
Jim Hansen’s: 701-425-8454 – Mapping, dataloggers, NDDA online maps

Brochures available for free. New books and pocket guides are now available.

Funding:

TAG 64% remaining and LAP 31% remaining as of October 21.

LAP Formula Example

Eligibility	USDA-NASS Statistics of acres of	Annual Noxious Weed Survey-	
.	Non-Cropland in Farms	Total Infested Acres	
\$400,000	\$400,000	\$200,000	
Percentage	Percentage	Percentage	if
40 WB eligible, then each			
would get \$10,000	<u>WB acres</u>	<u>WB acres</u>	
If 45 WB eligible, then each	Total acres X \$400,000	Total acres X \$200,000	
would get \$8,888.88			

There will be a reallocation of LAP at the end of the year.

Ideas for using TAG:

Spray equipment	Outreach and education	
Biocontrol	Pesticide spill kits	Training
Computer hardware or software	Scouting, monitoring and control	PPE
GPS Equipment		

There are open United States Forest Service Grants available. Contact Richard for more information.

The 2019 Commissioners Weed Forum will be held on January 8 at the Bismarck Ramada. Free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.

2018 Annual Weed Board Surveys are due February 1. Call Richard if you need your passcode.

Dataloggers: Jim and Vince will be at the convention so bring your dataloggers and laptops.

Palmer amaranth: Has been found and confirmed in McIntosh, Foster and Benson. Negative in Stutsman and Dickey. Awaiting results from Richland. Please keep an eye out for it while spraying. Please work with your extension office and with landowners. The NDDA plans on being there to help any way possible.

New Business:

Website: Jamen gave a report

The construction for the new website will begin in the middle of October. The project will take about 4-6 weeks of work to be built. Once it is finished we will have a new URL the new site will be at ndweeds.com

Some features of the website that will be different than the one we have now are. There will be an option to join the NDWCA online or just donate a monetary amount of money to the association. The new site will be user friendly and easy to navigate. It will also be mobile compatible so people browsing on their mobile devices can still access all the information as well.

There will be an interactive calendar on there, with that I ask all of you if you have an event you would like on there let your area director know and we will put in on there. One example would be your field days some of you counties host.

We will unveil the website at the annual conference in January. But once it is finalized I will send an email out on the list serve informing everyone.

There is a lot of behind the scenes work that this website will have that will allow us to track what people use to find us how many people visit our site. Some marketing tools so we can better get ourselves out there.

Lastly we will also be on social media for as of right now it will be Facebook and possibly Instagram. Again those will be tools that if you would like content on there let your area director know. We would love to see participation from counties all around the state.

This has been a long process but once it is done I feel everyone will enjoy what the new site has to offer!!

Elections:

2nd Vice President Nominations - from Areas 1, III or V.

Ron nominated Randy Gaebe, from Bowman County, Area V

Stan nominated Travis Jepson, from Stark County, Area V

No other nominations.

Poster Contest: Ron read Derrill's report.

This is the copy of the letter Derrill sent to schools.

Attention: School Administrators and 5th & 6th Grade Instructors

This letter is to invite your 5th and 6th grade classes to participate with a poster contest sponsored by the North Dakota Weed Control Association. The purpose of this contest is to help educate the youth on the harmful and devastating effects that noxious and invasive weeds have on agricultural lands, private lands, public lands as well as on wildlife. Our goal is to help the youth understand the importance of controlling and stopping the invasions of noxious weeds on these lands.

Within this poster contest students throughout the state will have the opportunity to create a poster showing their knowledge and/or ideas on how these noxious and invasive weeds harm and affect all of us on different levels. This includes not only farmers and ranchers, but wildlife and wildlife habitats.

Instructions:

-Size of poster must be no larger than 12" X 18"

-Students name and grade, the Teachers name and the name and address of the school must be on the back of the poster

-Send posters to the address below

The winning poster will be printed on a t-shirt to promote youth awareness with noxious and invasive weeds in ND. The winning student will receive a weed identification plaque award. The entire class of the winning student will receive a noxious weed prevention presentation along with a t-shirt with winning poster on it.

Our web site is: <http://ndweeds.homestead.com> . This site will have many links and information for you.

-Mail to: Ward County Weed Control

Attn: Derrill Fick

P.O. Box 5005

Minot, ND 58702-50

Posters will need to be received in my office by January 3rd, 2019. The judging will be held at the ND Weed Control Association's annual meeting January 8th, 9th and 10th 2019.

Thank you for choosing to be part of the NDWCA poster contest,

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me,

Sincerely,

Derrill Fick

NDWCA Education Committee Chairman

Legislative Issues: no additional items at this time

Resolutions:

No additional ones were brought forward from this Area.

Winter Show:

March 5th thru the 10th. Do we want to have a booth again at the winter show? Stan moved to have it again. Jamen seconded the motion. **M/C**

The booth will be run through an area county.

Other Business: None

Being no other business, Jamen moved to adjourn the meeting, Terry seconded the motion. **M/C**

Meeting adjourned at 12.57pm

Respectfully Submitted

Merlin Leithold

Executive Secretary