

NDWCA Area V Minutes

Slope County Courthouse, Amidon, ND

Yet to be approved

October 28th, 2016

Area Director, Joan Lorge called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Introductions. Counties present were: Stark, Hettinger, Golden Valley, Bowman, Slope and Hettinger. Others present were: Gary Pastushok, NDDA, Bill Walker, CPS Timberland Division, Jesse Sot, Montana, Leon Pederson, 2016 NDWCA President, and Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive secretary.

Additional agenda items: None

Minutes:

2015 area V minutes were reviewed. Katie Clyde moved to suspend the reading of the minutes. Randy Gaebe seconded the motion. M/C Randy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Katie seconded the motion. M/C

Old Business:

Annual Meeting update:

Merlin gave the annual meeting update. The annual meeting will be held on January 9, 10 11, & 12th 2017 at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck. There will be a board meeting Monday evening at 6:00 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 10:30. The noon luncheon will begin at 11:00. At 12:30 we will go into three breakout sessions. A different change to our normal schedule. Around 4:00 we will go back into one session. Wednesday evening, we will have a social at 6:00 followed by our awards banquet and entertainment. This year's entertainment is Cottonwood, a bluegrass band from Washburn. 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 1st.

Your association is also selling vests and jackets. Try one on, and order to be picked up at the convention. We will also be selling new caps at the convention.

County reports:

Stark County: submitted by Travis Jepson

Last fall we purchased a new Polaris ranger 6X6 to use for spraying in the city of Dickinson. We built a spray system for it with a 65 gallon tank and boomless nozzles. We hired two new summertime employees to work exclusively in the city of Dickinson to fulfill our contractual obligations with the municipality. With the addition of the two new employees that brings up to six sprayers in the summer. Once again we held a field day for the collection of flea beetles. We had less participation than we would have liked but the collection was highly successful. We noticed a couple of locations are starting to get some Scotch Thistle which is something that we haven't seen there before. We had a fantastic year with our cost share program we sold:

625 Gallons of Tordon, 482 Gallons of 2,4-D, 238 Gallons of Plateau, 1255 Gallons of MSO
428.5 Gallons of Milestone, 293 Gallons of Liberate

Golden Valley: submitted by Jayce Huffman

The Golden Valley County Weed Board came into the spraying season with high hopes of getting more work done than previous years. By starting off the season spraying Hoary cress since that seems to be the first weed to really scream "spray me". We had sprayed most of the Hoary cress until we moved on to more troublesome weeds we have in our county. As some of you relate, Houndstongue has become a bigger issue than people think. With the second year plant producing an abundant amount of seeds, that stick to cattle and all the different animals that pass through. With all the ranchers in the area raising hundreds of head of cattle, it is very tough to get ahead of this weed. We have learned in the past that this weed tends to stay in draws, roadside ditches, and on disturbed ground. Without the help of area farmers and ranchers, it's going to take a lot more than the 6-8 seasonal guys per year to slow this weed down. I won't say we're not making any improvement at all, because we are making a slight difference every year. With all that being said, the Golden Valley Weed Board sights Houndstongue as one of the biggest threats that the county and the landowners have to deal with in the years to come. On a positive note, I feel we had gotten a lot of work done this summer. As long as we get a little more done every year, and a little further ahead of these weed problems, we will eventually come out on top.

We started off the season with 8 seasonal employees. One of them left early this summer, to go back for spring college football. We had spent the rest of the summer with 7 sprayers and myself. All of the employees I had worked very hard to achieve an improvement from the 2015 season. All 7 went back to college around the second week in August. I had a buddy that lives in Beach that had been helping me finish off the spray season. Our spray season went from the middle/end of April, to mid-October.

We had attended one of the four spurge beetle collections on Wannagen Creek this year. I had collected enough beetles to make four different drop sites, hoping to have success in those sites in the future. I have very little experience in the spurge beetle world, but really hope to learn the success and benefits that it has to noxious weed control. We could really use the help of spurge beetles and plans to keep spreading these beetles every year in a more abundance amount every year.

Lane Kozel, NDDA and I had met early-July, and we checked on the *Larinus obtusus*, and *Cyphocleonus achetes* weevils we have in the county. We have two sites within the county, one being close to Camels Hump, alongside the interstate. The other site being on a ranchers land southeast of Sentinel Butte. We had a lot of luck finding hundreds of *Larinus obtusus* weevils at the main site in Golden Valley. The

numbers were good enough to do a couple sweeps for Lane to distribute for other counties, in need of Knapweed biological control. As for the *Cyphocleonus achetes* weevil, we did not have very good luck, only finding less than 15 weevils. We hope in the future the number of *Cyphocleonus achetes* weevils will sky rocket, so we can use those as well as the *Larinus obtusus* weevil.

To finish out our 2016 spray season, we had spent about a week spraying first year Houndstongue for a landowner north of Beach. They had the plan to contact the owner of the land they rent to see if he would be willing to get some spraying done. The thought they had to get him onboard was because his land was at the head of the creek drainage where this Houndstongue seems to be coming downstream. It is good to see that landowners have a serious take on what is going on with these weeds and is making it a team effort. I hope in the years to come that all landowners will do their part in this fight and we will eventually be almost weed free.

Thank you to all the other counties in your efforts and support for what you are doing in your counties.

Mercer: submitted by Brad Seifert

Had a good year. Seeing a little Houndstongue in the county. Good participation in our cost share program. Spent \$170,000 this year. Cost share at 80 -20. We may have to go down to 70-30, if the participation continues to grow. Chemicals we cost share are Tordon, Plateau, Curtail, Rifle D, 2-4D, Landmaster BW and Milestone.

Bowman: submitted by Randy Gaebe

Noxious weeds problems in Bowman County

90% Canada thistle

5% Leafy spurge

3% Wormwood

1% Houndstongue

>1% baby's breath, spotted knapweed, musk thistle, scotch thistle, black henbane

Landowner Weed Control Program Participation: maximum \$750 per landowner or operator

Milestone sales: (\$20 per quart- minimal paperwork)

130 landowners

227 quarts

1135 acres

In-kind Reimbursement: (paperwork required to document time and equipment use)

18 landowners

1200 acres

Commercial custom application: (50% reimbursement when hiring commercial applicator)

10 landowners

155 acres

Custom application by county:

34 landowners
411 acres

Equipment reimbursement: (25% reimbursement, up to \$500 toward sprayer for ATV, UTV, pickup, 3-point)

9 landowners

Total reimbursement value to landowners: \$32,085

Slope: submitted by Joan Lorge

We started out the spraying season spraying Leafy spurge along the highways and county roads. Going straight to Canada thistle, (wind permitting) this year we started the thistle spraying in the SE corner of the county. We found 2 plants of Black henbane along a road east of White Lake Wildlife Refuge, no other was found. Russian knapweed was found along the road going into the Burning Coal Vein Campground. A few miles farther west along the road, we found a few plants of Spotted knapweed.

The Spotted knapweed in Marmarth was late emerging this year. We didn't have to spray it until the first of August. Scouting in June showed none coming, but with July rains, it came back.

We found one area that has a few plants of Scotch thistle growing in a pasture. When we first saw it, we thought that it might be Musk thistle, because we had a few plants of Musk thistle show up in a CRP field very close to the pasture, (which the landowner has been very good about spraying).

We also had Dalmation and Yellow toadflax show up in a road ditch again, after many years of control. We are going to try E2 and Liberate on it next spring.

We have an area that we found last year that was CRP that came out of contract, and it is full of Diffuse knapweed. Talking to the owners, they think that it may have been in the CRP mix that they planted. We have been mapping the area and plan to have a program in place next year. They plan on tearing up the worst fields and cropping them.

Houndstongue was again sprayed this year. We have spent over \$200,000 trying to control this weed, for the last 10 years. We are NOT gaining on this weed.

Something to be on the lookout for is Phragmites. We have a patch of it in Marmarth, for many years and we drive by it to spray Knapweed. This year I noticed that the cattails were gone, and it is solid Phragmites. We plan on spraying it next spring.

We had the largest fall herbicide distribution that we have ever had, with 62 participants. We cost-share Tordon22k, Plateau, Milestone, GrazonNext HL, and Curtail, for Leafy spurge and Canada thistle control. We also have a program for Houndstongue, which is Escort and 2-4D. After talking to the people from Montana this month, we may offer E2 for Houndstongue control next year.

Joan and Hope attended a meeting of the Montana Weed Control Association, October 12th, in Baker, Mt. We learned about some of their concerns. The pollinator plans are a real concern that they have, especially since many of the mixes for attracting pollinators seem to contain noxious weeds. Some of the weeds that they are concerned about are; Austrian field cress, Garlic mustard, Sulfur cinquefoil, Medusa

head, and Blue weed. The eastern Montana people said that Spotted knapweed was the worst that they saw this year. Lake County, Montana said that people should not get hay from their area, because it is full of Skelton weed.

Montana area: submitted by Jessie Sott

Dry in their area, have had over 71 fires. Did helicopter spraying, app. 1,500 acres. They are also the herbicide dealer for their area, and the commercial applicator for the county. They have sprayed 3,000 acres for landowners, so far, and are still spraying. Two weeds are White top (Hoary Cress) and Leafy Spurge. They also have invasive grasses that are becoming a huge problem.

Hettinger and Adams: submitted by Tim Miliren

On behalf of Hettinger County and Adams County, we covered all maintained roads and highways in both counties. In the spring, we began spraying leafy spurge with Tordon and 2,4-D. As the end of June approached, we switched to using milestone for Canada thistle and wormwood. When we started spraying leafy spurge again in the fall, August, we came across much Canada thistle. Therefore, we had to mix Plateau and Milestone to kill both the leafy spurge and Canada thistle. I mailed about thirty to forty letters and made several phone calls to direct people to spray their noxious weeds. While most of the people were cooperative, some caused issues. I am unsure whether we are making any headway with clearing the road ditches or not. However, we are preventing the noxious weeds from spreading any further.

Billings: submitted by Katie Clyde

The Billings County Weed Control Board (BCWCB) started its 2016 season in mid-May, with twelve seasonal employees, seven of which were returning sprayers from the 2015 season along with five new employees. Equipment used for the 2016 season were five 1 ton pickups with high volume pumps three of which also had transfer pumps to fill side by side units, four UTV units with seventy five gallon tanks along with complete spray systems.

Katie began spraying chip seal along County Road and Bridge right of ways in early May. The edges of paved County maintained roads were sprayed to prevent grass and others plants from growing into the road and cracking the pavement. After the chip seal projects were finished the BCWCB began treating a Black Henbane infestation along a new area of road that was built in the summer of 2015. The road way was reseeded in late summer 2015. No herbicides were used on the newly seeded roadway in 2015 to help the grass get a head start. In early May 2016 the areas were treated with Milestone and 2-4D Amine when the Black Henbane was small and before it developed a flower. Below are two pictures showing what the area looked like in May before the treatment and one from September showing how much the grass had grown in and the Black Henbane was no longer present.



The BCWCB also began spraying Leafy Spurge and Hoary Cress in late May and Early June. In June Leafy spurge was the main weed targeted but crews also began spraying Spotted Knapweed, Houndstongue, Absinth wormwood, Canada thistle, and Common burdock.

On June 1st the BCWCB hosted an ATV and UTV Safety Training Course where a trainer from the North Dakota Park and Rec came to our County to certify our summer sprayers in ATV and UTV Safety. Billings County Search and Rescue, EMT's, Sheriff Deputies, and the Golden Valley Weed Board also attend this training Course. We plan to train new employees yearly to help promote safety and better educate them on how to safely operate UTV's when they are under a load. We also added baffles to our UTV sprayers to help stabilize our loads and prevent water from shifting in the tank when operating in rough terrain.

On June 23rd the BCWCB began our 2016 flea beetle collections, we hosted five collections days with two collections each day. We had multiple agencies attend these field days to collect Flea Beetles for the biological control of Leafy Spurge. Employees from Billings County, Golden Valley County, McKenzie County, and Williams County Weed Boards attended these events. U.S. Forest Service, Little Missouri Grazing Association, USDA, North Dakota Game and Fish and the North Dakota Department of Agriculture employees also attend several of our collection dates. Private landowners from Billings, McKenzie, Golden Valley, Dunn, Stark, and Slope County participated in these events as well. We collected 999,000 Flea Beetles during our 2016 field days. Beetles were distributed evenly at each collection for everyone that participated. Please feel free to attend one of our collections in 2017.



Billings County has a zoning application that must be filled out by the Weed Control Officer before new buildings, roads, pipelines, oil locations, and other types of construction are done. The application was created to help manage noxious and invasive weed populations in disturbed areas throughout Billings County. The Weed Officer must inspect areas before building takes place to indicate if weeds are present. If weeds are found during the inspection the type of weed is marked and the Weed Officer contacts the builder to inform them of procedures they can take to help manage the existing weed population and prevent a larger one from starting. Billings County has had this application for a couple years now and it has proven to be successful on educating landowners and leasers on how important weed control is to our County. We have seen an increase in new landowners participating in our Counties Weed Control Program due to this form and it also has given our Weed Board a better relationship with multiple different companies throughout the area.

Billings County has been working with the U.S. Forest Service for several years to try and allow aerial spraying on federal allotments. The fall of 2016 was the first year that aerial spraying was approved by the U.S. Forest Service. This makes Billings County the second county in the State of North Dakota to incorporate aerial spraying on Federal land in over a decade. The BCWCB hired Dakota Helicopters out of Beulah ND, to spray the approved areas. We treated roughly 800 acres of Leafy Spurge within several Federal Allotments throughout the County. We plan to continue incorporating Aerial spraying into our Federal Agreement in the upcoming years.



Government Report: submitted by David Hirsch, government director, read by Joan Lorge

2016 Field Season Highlights:

Budget:

- APHIS Biocontrol funding for APHIS is stable for the 2017 fiscal year.
- PPQ will be able to participate in field day activities again in 2017.

Hound's tongue biocontrol:

- Still waiting for news on when the permit for this biocontrol agent will be issued and materials available for ND. Biocontrol scientists are using extra care to make sure the application is complete and host specificity studies are well documented. This will help the chances of the agent application being approved.

Field Bindweed Biocontrol:

- ***PPQ Partners With Organic Producers on Field Bindweed Biocontrol***

On June 13 in Dickey County, North Dakota, PPQ began the process of establishment of 11 bindweed insectary sites using the bindweed mite *Aceria malherbae*. As organic agriculture continues to expand in North Dakota, field bindweed has become a serious management problem for organic producers, and there are few control alternatives available. PPQ North Dakota was able to obtain a large quantity of the bindweed mites from the Colorado Department of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing insectaries in ND. The goal is to provide a local supply of bindweed biocontrol agents and begin redistribution to producers. PPQ is hopeful that significant control of the weed will occur so this can become a viable management tool.

- **Subsequent monitoring report from the landowner:** Judging by pictures, the material we received from Colorado, descriptions, and damage to bindweed we had not observed before, it seems all the release sites show damage to varying degrees. At some sites the damage was quite extensive, most notably on the east side of a shelterbelt where we had previously released the bindweed moth (*Tyta luctuosa*). Needless to say, I am pleased with results so far, especially since we have had a lot of rain this year and the mite is supposed to be most adapted to dryer sites. Now the next hurdle will be overwintering and adapting to our environment and growing season.

Purple Loosestrife Biocontrol:

- PPQ released the foliage feeding weevil *Galerucella pucilla* for the control of purple loosestrife at a large infestation in Morton County. Materials were obtained from the South Dakota Dept. of Corrections. Loosestrife plants grown in pots at a rearing site in Yankton, SD. The plants are infested with the biocontrol agents and grown with netting so the insects can be harvested. The harvested insects were containerized and transported to the Morton Co. site by canoe. Follow-up monitoring of foliage showed signs of feeding damage and possible establishment. Monitoring will occur again in the spring and more insects will be obtained for release at this site.

Leafy Spurge Biocontrol:

PPQ participated in 3 flea beetle field days. In general, the flea beetle population was good this season. I am concerned about the low number of field day events and opportunities average landowners have in

the state. There is still large landowner demand for beetles especially in the western half of ND. I hope that more counties will set up and will host field days this

Industry:

Karissa Floerchinger– Dow AgroSciences. She could not be here today, as she became ill. Bill Walker gave her report.

Karissa is the new DOW rep., taking over for Mike Schalla, who is on the Ag. Side, and covers an area around Wisconsin. Karissa is originally from central Montana. She lives in Fargo, and covers both North and South Dakota. Her phone number is 406-788-4004

Dow has a new 2-4D Coline. Graslan L, which is a pint of Tordon and a quart of Coline, is already on the market, and some of you have used it this past season. This new Coline will be a stand-alone product called Freelexx. It should be labeled after January 1. We will have a pricing structure in place at that time. No prices have been set at this time. Forms are due in for the noxious weed stewardship program. Get them to Karissa as soon as possible. She looks forward to meeting all of you in January in Bismarck.

Bill Walker, NDWCA Industry Rep & CPS Timberland Division

Some Bayer products, like Perspective, Method and others will have a price increase in 2017, approximately 5%. Some Bayer products like Escort, Telar, Oust and others will not.

Perspective and Method: Still not labeled for haying and grazing. EPA is now worried about tree kills in pastures and hay lands. EPA has also told Bayer that the label is not needed, as there are products on the market to do what Perspective and Method would do. A possibility of getting the NDDA to ask for a Section 18 label on this, might be the route to take. Reminder, Perspective and Method are currently labeled, they just have a 1 year haying and grazing restriction.

DOW: Prices for Milestone, Tordon, Graslan L, and Opensight will have no price increases for 2017.

The new product from DOW: Vastlan, is moving forward. This is the new 4lb/gallon Tricolpyr made with Choline acid, has a “warning” label as compared to the older comparison chemical Garlon 3A, with had a “Danger” label.

Also new for 2017, Freelexx. This is DOW’s new 2-4D. Claims to have reduced volatility then regular Amine. Claims to have better cold handling characteristics, lower freezing point. No pricing structure at this time, BUT, it most likely will be a premium priced product.

BASF: One salesperson in the entire US. He is an office person. Prices for Plateau and Overdrive should remain stable in 2017, but they have not released any information at this time. Will know more by the convention.

Monsanto will have no price increases on most on their glyphosate products. Some of their dry products like Roundup Pro Concentrate will have a 3 to 5% increase.

Other chemicals used by weed boards should remain fairly stable.

E-2 Herbicide by NuFarm – approx. \$40/gallon, mixture of Dicamba, 2-4D, and Fluroxypyr. Controls Leafy spurge in sensitive areas, tree belts, cities, etc. 4 to 5 pints per acre.

CPS: Thank you to all of you folks for the business this past season. Hope to continue to work with all of you this coming season as well. Our warehouse in Spearfish is run by two of the best, Jesse and John. We can extend bid prices from 2016 to 2017. Feel free to contact me or the warehouse anytime. We try to meet your schedule with deliveries the best we can and as quick as we can.

NDDA Update: Gary Pastushok, Plant Industries director, NDDA

Taking the place for Chelsey today. Gary explained what he does in the department, and how his department works. Bee’s fall into his department. ND is #1 in honey production in the US. Bee mites are an issue. Changing some of the way hives are ID. Good discussion took place, from hive locations, out of state beekeepers, pollinator plants. Gary then proceeded to go over the presentation that Chelsey sent with.

Chelsey’s contact number: 701-226-4321

Lane’s: 701-328-2250

Jim’s: 701-425-8454

The Department has several brochures, publications, and posters available. Contact Chelsey to get some. If anyone has ideas for outreach materials, or would like to share what your county is doing, bring at least 10 copies to the weed forum.

TAG Funds: \$279,000 total for the biennium.

\$138,033 spent or 49%

\$260,510 available or 51%

LAP Funds: \$1,000,000 for the biennium.

\$739,490 spent or 74%

\$260,510 available or 26%

Ideas for TAG: GPS Equipment, data loggers, etc., Spray equipment(new or repairs), PPE, Weed scouting, monitoring, or mapping, Re-vegetation, Safety or calibration training, Computer hardware or software, Educational items or newsletters.

TAG Deadline: June 30th – Forms submitted by July 7th to NDDA, July 14th, NDDA to Reimburse.

LAP Formula:

Eligibility	USDA-NASS Statistics of acres of Non-Cropland in Farms	Annual Noxious Weed Survey- 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 would get \$8,888.88	Total acres X \$400,000	Total acres X \$200,000

LAP Funding: Deadline December 31st, use funds, January 6th, submit forms to NDDA, January 13th, NDDA to reimburse.

LAP Reallocation:

1. Confirm spring needs for counties that have funds available
2. Identify counties that have spent all or have <25% of funds remaining and confirm additional funds would be utilized.
- 3 Use formula to reallocate.
4. New NOGAs will need to be signed.

LAP Reallocation Funding 2nd deadline: Deadline June 30th to use funds, July 7th to submit forms to NDDA, July 14, NDDA to reimburse.

USFS Grants:

2012 – Land Enhancement: Closed

2013 – Land Enhancement: All funds obligated

2014 – EDRR: Open, accepting proposals from weed boards

2015 – Continuing EDRR: Open, accepting proposals from weed boards.

2016 – Noxious Weed Programs: Open, accepting proposals from weed boards.

2017 – Ideas?

January 10, 2017 – Ag Commissioners Weed Forum, Bismarck, Ramada Inn 10 – 3 pm.

2016 Annual Weed Board Surveys are due Feb. 1st. Very important that you fill them out. Determines eligibility for LAP, determines portions for LAP, creates a weed board directory, and conceptualizes increases/decreases of local and total acres of noxious weed infestations.

GPS & Data loggers: Contact Jim. He will be at a booth at the NDWCA Convention.

Palmer Amaranth: Identified in Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa. Please keep an eye out for it. Work with landowners and NDSU extension.

Gary concluded by saying that his staff will be available, if you need them for special meetings, anywhere in the state.

Leon mentioned that if you have milkweed on your county noxious weed list, he strongly encourages you to remove it.

New Business:

Elections:

Area director – 2 year term

Hope Mastel nominated Joan Lorge. No further nominations, Randy moved that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Joan. Hope seconded the motion. M/C Joan was reelected.

1st alternate. Hope nominated Randy Gaebe. Being no further nominations, Hope moved that nominations cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Randy. Katie seconded the nomination. M/C

2nd alternate. Hope nominated Travis Jepson. Being no further nominations, Hope moved that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Travis. Randy seconded the motion. M/C

2nd Vice President: Can only be from areas I,II, III

Merlin said that there are two nominated so far: Jerome Behm, Ward County, and Jamen Windish, Barnes County. Merlin said that a person can be nominated from the floor as well, during the annual business meeting of the association.

Poster Contest:

Merlin mentioned that Derrill Fick, education chairman, said that the information should be out to the schools in November. He is requesting that the posters be returned to him in December. Any questions can be also directed to Derrill.

Legislative Issues:

Merlin asked that the association is looking at funding for LAP. Do we need to increase it? The board is looking for input from counties. Also, if you have something in the law, and would like to see a change, let Merlin or the board know, and we will look at it.

Resolutions: Merlin read the resolutions from Area's III and I. Leon Pederson gave the reasoning behind the two resolutions.

Discussion on why Palmer Amaranth is being considered, and Houndstongue is more widespread, and a far more serious problem. Good discussion ensued.

Katie moved that the secretary draw up a resolution for Area V, to be presented to the board of directors, for the annual meeting, asking the association to support, and ask the ND Ag. Commissioner to consider adding Houndstongue to the State Noxious Weed List. Jayce seconded the motion. M/C

Whereas: In North Dakota the many Federal, State County, Township, City and Private landowners have spent many thousands of dollars, annually, and over the years for the control of noxious weeds that have infested their land.

Whereas: Noxious weeds are capable of being rapidly spread by seeds blowing in the wind, by human activities, by livestock, by wildlife, and/or by an extensive root system.

Whereas: If a noxious weed has been identified and there are very few plants found in a certain area, it would be much easier to control, than a noxious weed that has been established, with an established root system and/or a tremendous seed bed.

Whereas: Some weeds contain a toxicity that can be detrimental to not only livestock but also humans.

Whereas: Although some counties may already have Houndstongue on their county noxious weed list, others still do not.

Therefore be it resolved: That Area V, is in full support, asking that the North Dakota Weed Control Association support the placement of Houndstongue on the State Noxious Weed List.

Therefore be it further resolved: That the North Dakota Weed Control Association ask the North Dakota Department of Agriculture to consider Houndstongue as our state's next state listed noxious weed.

Other Business: None

Being no other business, Joan asked for a motion to adjourn.

Katie moved to adjourn the meeting, Hope seconded the motion. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Merlin Leithold

Executive Secretary