

NDWCA Area I Minutes

Ramsey County Courthouse, Devils Lake, ND

Yet to be approved

October 15th, 2018

Area Director, Brent Nelson, called the meeting to order at 9:14 am. Introductions. Counties present were: Ramsey, Towner, Walsh, Cavalier and Grand Forks. Others present were Richard Weisz, NDDA, Karissa Floerchinger, Corteva Agriscience, Bill Walker, Nutrien Solutions, Tom Hedrick, Van Diest and Merlin Leithold, NDWCA executive secretary.

Additional agenda items: Carrington workshop

Everyone read the 2018 area I minutes. Approved as presented.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting Update:

Merlin gave the annual meeting update. The annual meeting will be held on January 6, 7, 8 & 9th, 2020 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 Bill Sorenson, former mayor of Bismarck. He does magic and comedy. 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 our new mugs, caps, vests and jackets.

County reports:

Ramsey: Given by Roger Gunderson

Ramsey County sprayed about 2900 acres of right of way in the 2019 spray season. Wind and rain were issues at times. Salt cedar is still popping up along the lake shores of Devils Lake. Yellow toadflax is being found in small patches in Devils Lake city limits and around the county.

Cavalier: Given by Leon Pederson

About the same as last year. Got done what we could get done due to weather conditions. Josh Short is the new weed officer in Cavalier County. I have resigned to take a position as a seed salesman.

Towner: Given by Lindy Berg

First time in the last 6 years that we didn't get the county done. Did hire one person. Just a bad year overall.

Grand Forks: Given by Joel Anderson

Sprayed 5500 acres. Went ok. Positive - working with hayers and mowers. Helped with P.R. Negative – recreational mowing. Benefit – Don't use 2-4D in the summer. No facts to back it up. But I feel that 2-4D does a lot of burn down, stopping Tordon to go into the plant. Tordon at the 30oz rate can be hayed the next day. Infestations are looking better. Negative - no broad spectrum weed control. Purple loosestrife issues are an ongoing problem.

Walsh: Given by Brent Nelson

The 2019 season started slower than normal with the first spraying not occurring until June 12, because of cold and wet conditions which resulted in a delay start of weed growth. The year then turned dry for NE ND and as difficult as it was for our agricultural producers, it provided an excellent opportunity for us to spray areas that are normally too wet. It also resulted in thinner/shorter grass in the roadways allowing for much more efficient location of noxious weeds.

In all, we treated 5072 acres of roadside which included 1181 acres of state roads, 1957 acres of county right of way, and 1934 acres on township roads. All county and township roads and the majority of the state roads were treated with 30oz/acre Tordon. We did treat 532 acres on I-29 with Method at the 6 or 8 oz/acre rate, depending if it was new treatment or retreatment from past years. Spraying was completed by J&J Spraying, who were awarded a new 2 year contract this spring.

Our flea beetle program didn't fare well this year, as my local collection sites were down in numbers and the times I tried to attend collection days in other jurisdictions, it rained in those places. So by the end of July, we decided there would be no new distributions this year. Local sites still had beetles present, just not in collectible numbers.

This summer, we used some of our remaining LAP funds to provide additional cost share to 4 landowners that were over the cap limited last fall. We also provided cost share assistance to 6 landowners for the direct distribution of Milestone. For the new LAP funding this fall cost share requests are due by November 1st.

Leafy spurge and Canada thistle continue to be the primary noxious weeds throughout Walsh County. We have seen an increase in the amount of Absinth wormwood and also have issues with Musk thistle in our gravel pit areas and overgrazed pastures.

Industry:

Bill Walker, NDWCA Industry Rep & Nutrien Solutions

First of all, thank you for your support this past year.

The industry has been again somewhat quiet for now, most all pricing programs and price increase notices start coming out from now until the end of the year, we should have some more information on this at the annual meeting in January.

We will just take it by the companies as to what is going on.

Bayer – Final label approval for their new bareground combination product has been approved – Plainview Herbicide – this will be a pre-mix of Method, Esplanade and Arsenal herbicides for bareground applications, should be a good pre-mix to help in bareground around guardrails, road shoulders, parking lots and others but watch applications close to sensitive trees and shrubs, application rates are from 2 to 4 pints per acre rates, cost is approximately \$248.32 per gallon.

Bayer is still working on getting **Invora Herbicide** approval from EPA, Invora would be a pre-mix of Method and Triclopyr (Garlon), they are really targeting this one for the southern states that have range and pasture brush problems (Mesquite) but are looking at the north as well for noxious weeds, while I see this as good for the southern states, we, in the north just need the Method 240 SL labeled for full Range and Pasture grazed sites, Method 240 SL still has the supplemental label that allows for applications to right-a-ways that transect grazed sites with no grazing restrictions for now.

Bayer will have price increases as of January 1, 2020 on the following:

Esplanade 200 Sc Herbicide	Quarts Old Price	Quarts New	Price
	\$325.25 per quart	\$327.04 per quart	
	2.5 gal. cont. Old Price	2.5 gal. cont. New Price	
	\$1,169.92 per gallon	\$1,189.12 per gallon	
Method 240 SL Herbicide	2.5 gal. cont. Old Price	2.5 gal. cont. New Price	
	\$318.72 per gallon	\$322.56 per gallon	

They are currently still not making Method 240 SL Herbicide in quarts and currently have no plans to.

The rest such as Escort XP, Telar XP, Oust XP, Esplanade EZ and others may show some very slight price increases if any at all depending upon the market.

CORTEVA – Is working on bringing out 2 new products to market at this time, both will have the same active ingredients (some new chemistry) but possibly different labeled language.

DuraCor Herbicide – will be a liquid product and will be mainly for the western states, there was a plot tour on DuraCor planned in Jamestown, ND on October 9th, 2019 but got cancelled due to weather.

DuraCor Herbicide should be good on weeds like Canada Thistle, Musk Thistle, Knapweed Species, Common Mullin, Absinth Wormwood and carrot species like Poison Hemlock, Wild Parsnip, Queen Ann's Lace, Wild Carrot and others, is a mixture of Rinskor Active (New) and Milestone Herbicides.

The other product is called – **TerraVue Herbicide** – This one is a dry product like Opensight, low use rates of 2 to 2.85 ounces per acre rates, this one will mostly be targeted for the right-a-ways, I do not know the availability of this product into the western states as of yet, TerraVue will have all the same weed spectrum control as DuraCor, both should control around 140 broadleaf weeds and woody plant species, both should be non-restricted use products, both are a combination of Milestone Herbicide and the new Rinskor Active.

Freelexx - Some questions have come up on Freelexx and some people were told that it will no longer be available "that is not true", CORTEVA is changing how and who it will be distributed through, true ag distributors will no longer have the product, it will be gotten through distributors that do direct business with government agencies.

This is due to the fact that some (Freelexx) was ending up in the cotton markets down south and the ag dealers were replacing the Enlist Herbicide (which is more expensive) with the Freelexx.

CORTEVA is solving the problem in this manner, yes it will still be available for counties and government agencies to purchase.

CORTEVA has moved some more products into its Manufacturer price set program going into 2020 and they are as follows:

Freelexx Herbicide (added for 2020) \$20.00 per gallon (all sizes)

Vastlan Herbicide (added for 2020) \$87.50 per gallon (all sizes)

Capstone Herbicide (added for 2020) \$48.00 per gallon (all sizes)

Opensight Herbicide \$84.00 per pound (All sizes)

Cleantraxx Herbicide \$128.00 per gallon (all sizes)

Milestone Herbicide Government pricing is looking like it will price drop to \$265.00 per gallon at this time, all sizes and containers at the \$265.00 per gallon.

2.5 Gallon containers \$265.00 per gallon

Bulk Containers \$265.00 per gallon (15 gal., 30 gal. and totes filled as needed)

Quart Containers \$66.25 per quart

This is in consideration currently.

Tordon 22K Herbicide looks like pricing should be stable in 2020

New pricing has taken effect as of October 1, 2019

NuFarm – Has decided to leave some of the glyphosate business in their Vegetation Management division, AquaNeat Herbicide, Razor Herbicide, Razor PRO Herbicide and Razor Extreme will no longer be manufactured and offered from NuFarm from their Vegetation Management division after current

inventories have run out, any products that you might have on hand will have the registrations and labels in place for about 2 years and all products should be used by then, we have gotten no answers from NuFarm on this decision but all of their Ag use glyphosates are still being manufactured.

NuFarm still has Payload, Piper, E2 and AquaSweep Herbicides, E2 pricing looks to be stable for now going into 2020 is again priced by the manufacturer at \$42.00 per gallon.

BASF – Not much from them yet but we suspect that Plateau pricing might take about a 3% to 4 % increase from what we are hearing so far from them, Arsenal pricing does look stable and the generic market will play on that pricing.

BASF is also talking about adding Detail Herbicide into the Plateau mix for Leafy Spurge or into some of the bareground mixes to help speed up control and burndown in some cases on broadleaf weeds, more to come on that later in the year.

On the glyphosate law suit issues – here is what we know at this time – Bayer has lost three glyphosate trials so far, in each case the company has appealed the verdict or has plans to appeal it. In each of the three cases the awards have been \$289 million later reduced to \$80 million, \$80 million later reduced to \$25 million and \$2 billion later reduced to \$87 million.

More than 800 studies claim glyphosate is safe when users follow “the label”, one agency claims the opposite, The World Health Organization’s – International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), labeled glyphosate as “probably carcinogenic”.

That has formed the basis of more than 13,000 lawsuits against glyphosate and IARC has similar claims about 2,4-D as a “possible carcinogen”. In May of 2019 EPA disputed IARC’s claims in a review of its own, this announcement stems from the EPA’s 2017 human health risk assessment, the agency noted that they didn’t find a public health risk when the chemical is used according to label requirements.

So far there has been no discussions on pulling glyphosate products from the markets according to Liam Condon, president of Bayer Crop science but he also says, “If you can’t justify glyphosate, you couldn’t justify any crop protection product in the world – or even coffee, there are so many things IARC classifies as “potentially carcinogenic”. When this is done it could potentially drive up the costs of bringing any new products to market with more stringent and costly testing (some information on the glyphosate issue was excerpted from Farm Journal’s AGPRO for this report).

With all that being said, we are starting to see Glyphosate products take some slight price increases, Bayer/Monsanto has increased pricing on their Roundup brands about \$.50 cents per gallon as of now and they no longer are offering the distributors any bid protection on current bids or future bids.

Finally, all of this will also be determined as to what might happen between the U.S. and China in trade talks as well, if new tariffs hit than much of what is mentioned above may change, we have way to many products or technical materials for the products being made in China and that would have an impact on what really happens in 2020.

Good discussion took place on Glyphosate lawsuits.

Karissa Floerchinger– Corteva Agriscience

Thanks for all your support for using Corteva products. You will still see DOW on the chemical labels for now, until they have all gone through the system.

Green Chemistries: DuraCor and TerraVue. Both have low volatility. They carry the Rinskor active chemistry in them. They are comparable to Grazon next.

TerraVue – 2.85 ounces/ac –dry flowable – grazing and ROW.

DuraCor – 1pt/ac – Currently has a grazing label only. May be getting a supplemental label for ROW.

Both chemicals carry non- restricted use labels. Similar labeling to Milestone. Currently, there is a supplemental label allowing Milestone to be used in ROW and for haying.

Corteva will be having more chemicals coming out in the near future. Continue to spray this fall. Canada thistle will take chemical until the plant is black.

On techline.com, a great place to go for information.

Tom Hedrick – Van Diest

I appreciate your business and I thank you for your continued support. We have a warehouse in western Minnesota which is good for eastern North Dakota counties. Glad that Freelexx went to agency. We have a strong relationship with Corteva. Been a tough year in Ag with price increases in chemicals, etc.

Break

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.

NOGAS were sent out for LAP & TAG. Only a few have come back. Get them in. Without them, cannot pay out funds to counties. LAP – granting period is only 1 year. July 1 of 2019 – June 30 of 2020, July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Try and submit quarterly, helps out on the NDDA end. Commissioner weed forum will be January 7, 2020 at the Ramada in Bismarck in conjunction with the NDWCA Conference.

Palmer amaranth was again found in Richland County in 2019. This is the only county that it was found again. The others where it was found in 2018, there were no reports of finding it. However, it was found in Grant, Morton, Sioux and Emmons Counties this year.

New Business:

LAP Formula: Richard Weisz, NDDA

Richard discussed the formula for determining how LAP dollars are distributed to counties.

Eligibility	USDA-NASS Statistics of Acres of Non-Cropland in Farms	Annual Noxious Weed Survey- Total Infested Acres
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$400,000 • Percentage ➤ If 40 WB eligible, then each would get \$10,000 ➤ If 45 WB eligible, then each would get \$8,888.88 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$400,000 • Percentage ➤ $\frac{\text{WB acres}}{\text{Total acres}} \times \\$400,000$ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$200,000 • Percentage ➤ $\frac{\text{WB acres}}{\text{Total acres}} \times \\$200,000$

Richard explained that column 3 was being abused. Several counties are putting big numbers in their survey. What can we do? A lot of good discussion took place. Question asked, what determines an acre? Is it one plant, or a collection of plants?

Proposed by - law changes – Brent and Bill

Brent explained the changes to the by-laws that the board has proposed. Bill explained some of the reasoning behind the proposed changes. Bill and Brent also mentioned that the committee will begin to work on a proposed policy manual, to reduce changes to the actual by-laws.

Leon feels that the current by-laws are poorly written, and should be completely rewritten, to reflect on style of writing, compared to several styles in one document.

Noxious Weed Development Fund –

Brent reviewed the document to the group. Leon feels that the title suggests that we want to develop noxious weeds, and that it should be changed.

Elections:

Nominations for 2nd Vice President: Only from areas I, II, or III. Merlin informed the group that Stan Wolf, Cass County Weed Officer was nominated yesterday from Area II. No nominations from Area I at this time.

Merlin reminded the group that they can be nominated from the floor at the annual business meeting or by contacting Merlin before then.

Poster Contest: Brent read Derrill Fick, Education Chairman’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 for noxious and invasive weeds in ND. The winning student will receive a plaque award with a picture of the winning poster on it. 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: www.ndweeds.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 58702-5005

Posters will need to be received in my office by January 3rd, 2020. The judging will be held at the ND Weed Control Association's annual meeting January 7th, 8th and 9th 2020. 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

Resolutions: None

Other business: Carrington Meeting

Will be December 19 at Carrington. Brent encouraged weed officers to attend the meeting.

Being no further business, Josh moved to adjourn the meeting, Roger seconded the motion. **M/C**

Meeting adjourned at 11:26 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Merlin Leithold

Executive Secretary