

NDWCA Area IV Minutes

Morton County Hwy. Department, Mandan, ND

Yet to be approved

October 25th, 2018

Area Director, Gary Hartman called the meeting to order at 9:06 am. Introductions. Counties present were: Morton, Emmons, Burleigh, Sheridan, Oliver and Grant. Others present were: Richard Weisz, NDDA, Bill Walker, Nutrien Solutions, Karissa Floerchinger, Corteva Agriscience, Chuck Wilcox, Alligare and Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive secretary.

Additional agenda items: None

Minutes:

2017 area IV minutes were reviewed. Jim Bahm moved to approve the minutes. Woody Barth 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 2018 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 around 12:30 we will go into three breakout sessions. We done this last year, and it worked well. Around 4:00 we will go back into one full session. Wednesday evening, we will have a social at 6:00 sponsored by DOW, followed by our awards banquet and entertainment. This year's entertainment is again Cottonwood, a bluegrass band from Washburn. CPS is a 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:

Oliver: submitted by Rick Schmidt

The Oliver County Weed Board cost-shared Curtail – 62.5 gallons @\$10/gal., Milestone – 402 quarts @ \$20/qt., Plateau – 212.5 gallons @\$10/gal., Opensight – 84 containers of 1.25# @\$20/1.25#, Perspective – 95 containers @\$40/ small container, Graslan L – 36 gallons @\$10/gal., and Method – 112 containers @\$40/qt.

I conducted 18 landowner inspections as a result of people turning complaints. Two individuals were fined \$500/each. The fines were assessed to their land taxes and both assessments were paid.

We hired a new State Highway Right of Way sprayer – Say it, we'll spray it.

We're short LAP funds by \$15,000 - \$20,000. Purchased a 75 gallon sprayer with TAG funds, for behind the 4 wheeler. We've done training classes. Palmer amaranth is a real concern moving forward.

Burleigh: Submitted by Gary Hartman

We sprayed 195 units of right of ways for 1.184 acres costing \$89,018.66, cost share we had 199 participating for 1,876.5 acres costing \$68,135.01, with cost share totaling \$33,795.66.

Herbicide sales = 133 customers who paid \$12,169.40, with cost share of \$41,796.40.

Our number of acres have been increasing and so have the number of customers.

Grant: submitted by Merlin Leithold

We had a fairly good start on the summer spraying program. Started latter part of May. I spray all the roads in the county, approximately 1600 miles of county roads, and 100 miles of NDDOT roads. June came, the rains came, and spraying was rather slow. I was lucky to get a lot done despite the weather.

In Grant County, our cost share program consists of the following chemicals: Tordon, Plateau, Curtail, and Milestone. We cost share at 65% up front if they purchase from us. We require them to fill out a request form to receive cost share. We had 69 landowners participate, up from 2017. They may also purchase from a dealer, but we base our prices on our cost, so purchasing from us enables them. To get the full 65%. If they purchase from a dealer, they are required to send in their paid receipt, along with a spray log, showing where they sprayed, date, etc. When all is said and done, this way they are lucky to receive 50% back. Only 2 participated this way.

We also sell Amine, Surfactant (Liberate), MSO, blue dye and defoamer, at cost for noxious weed control only. This year we purchased Facet L to try on some road ditches. We also sold some to 3 landowners. We did not cost share it this year, and may not next year, until we see how it works. We hired Dakota Helicopter from Beulah this year to spray for landowners. But due a mechanical breakdown, help quitting, he never showed up to spray for us. He had a new excuse every time. That makes two years some landowners didn't get sprayed. We also had a fellow from Lemmon, who wanted to spray, and he also backed out. The board is seriously considering quitting this program. First time since the beginning of the weed board that this has happened. But, we cannot offer a service, and not get the job done. September was a windy month. Good spraying days were hard to come by. And October, the season ended very early. I did not get all the roads sprayed this year. Had a few secondary

roads left? Needed 1 to 2 days. After the first frost when it dipped to 15, I called it a year. Could have possibly sprayed after that, and did have enough days where I could have finished, but decided to not risk wasting chemical.

We had our 22nd Annual Leafy Spurge Bug Day this summer on June 21st. 840,500 bugs were collected and handed out. Double from last year. We had 65 in attendance, mostly from out of the county. Thank you to David Hirsch, and his crew from USDA APHIS for the help, and also to Cody Schnabel, and his crew from Morton County, for helping. Gary Hartman from Burleigh County, and Richard Weisz, NDDA for your help. We have had the field day on the same site 21 out of 22 years. One year the area was closed to the public, due to a national Boy Scout conference. Will we have one next year? Will see next spring. I have no other site, if this one crashes. I guess at that time I will say, it was a great run.

I have found Houndstongue in the highway ditch and sprayed it. Actually a nearby landowner saw it the beginning of August. It was green and growing. He saw it because they had a newly planted field of Alfalfa full of Houndstongue this spring. Another landowner, had a newly planted field of Alfalfa full of Hoary Cress this spring. In both cases, no such weed within 30 miles of the field.

Morton: submitted by Cody Schnabel

This year started a little slow for Morton County weed control. We had to find a new seasonal full time employee. By the time we had found and hired this person, and got him trained to operate a spray truck properly, it was nearly the first of July. It did after all turn out to be a successful spraying season. We got all of our right of ways sprayed by the end of the season. We even got the state highways and some county roads resprayed.

We hosted our first spurge beetle day south of Mandan at the Morton County WMA. It turned out to be a success. We had about 100 landowners attend, and most of them were able to help sweep, and took home a couple bags of bugs. I was hoping to make this an annual event, but the Game and Fish official informed me it could only be an occasional event. We also invited many Morton County landowners to the annual Grant County beetle day. You couldn't help but notice the huge numbers of bugs that were down there this year. We are very thankful to Grant County for doing the bug day and inviting us.

Morton County offered a Landowner Assistance Program this year. We offered 800 gallons of Tordon 22K for \$10 per gallon. We offered 40 gallons of Plateau for \$26 per gallon. We offered 750 quarts of Milestone for \$16 per quart. We offered 180 gallons of Curtail for \$10 per gallon. All of these herbicides sold out.

We received several landowner complaints about their neighbors with infestations this year. Through several letters and phone calls I think we made some headway.

Every conversation about weeds this year has seemed to bring up Palmer Amaranth. I am glad that so many people are informed about this weed threat. It has been found in the state. We really do need to be alert when we're out and about, so when this comes into our counties we know it's there and can be taken care of before it spreads out of control.

Sheridan County: given by Janice Erdmann

Sent out 1 notice to control letter – an organic farmer – still working on it

Our cost share is at 50/50. Fall Milestone / GrazonNext

Our 3 main weeds are Leafy spurge, Canada thistle and Cactus

LaVern and Lauren are the spray crew, working our well. Spot spraying all the Right of Ways

55 people in the program, used all the LAP funds, could use more.

Have trouble getting paid from Minot DOT. Bismarck DOT is good.

Emmons County: given by Michael Kunz

3700 acres of ROW and cost share. Weather didn't cooperate or we could have done more. Get LAP and we could use more. Found no Saltcedar this year. Corps hire their own helicopter, and not getting a good kill. The oil pipeline is working with a contractor to spray their noxious weeds. We have trouble with organic farmers controlling their noxious weeds.

Gary showed the Amaranth he found in garden plots near his office.

Break

Government Report: David Hirsch, USDA APHIS PPQ – Merlin read the report

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.

Industry:**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.

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.

We have Imox herbicide, has aquatic label, and is effective for Saltcedar.

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

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 KFYR 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.

Karissa showed a short video on the control of Cheatgrass with Milestone and various tank mixes.

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 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

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: Merlin read a report from Jamen

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:

Area IV Director: 2 year term – Gary is not eligible, as he has reached the 6 year limit

Merlin nominated Rick Schmidt, Oliver County. No other nominations, Jim Bahm moved nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Rick. Woody Barth seconded the motion. **M/C** Rick is the new area director.

Nominations for 1st Alternate – Gary nominated John Arlein, City of Bismarck. Cody moved that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for John. Roger seconded the motion.

M/C

Nominations for 2nd Alternate - **None**

Nominations for 2nd Vice President: Can only be from areas I, III, & V

None

Merlin mentioned that a person can also be nominated from the floor at the annual business meeting.

Poster Contest:

Merlin read the letter from Derrill Fick, education chairman.

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: None brought forward

Resolutions: None

KFYR Agri-International – Feb 12th and 13th

Merlin thanked Karissa Floerchinger, and Corteva for sponsoring the booth again this year.

Everyone was in agreement to have a booth again this coming year.

Gary thanked Karissa as well for sponsoring the booth.

Traveling Award: Sponsored by DOW, awarded this year to Sheridan County.

Other Business: None

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

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, Michael Kuntz seconded the motion. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 12.26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Merlin Leithold

Executive Secretary