

NDWCA Area III Minutes

North Central Research Extension Center, Minot, ND

Yet to be approved

October 16th, 2019

Area Director, Derrill Fick called the meeting to order at 9:11 am. Introductions. Counties present were: Ward, Mountrail, Burke and McHenry. Others present were: Richard Weisz, NDDA, Bill Walker, Nutrien Solutions, Karissa Floerchinger, Corteva, Tom Hedrick, Van Diest Supply and Merlin Leithold, NDWCA Executive secretary.

Additional agenda items: none presented.

2018 area III minutes were reviewed by attendees. Jim Hennessy moved to approve the minutes as presented, Tom Krumwiede seconded the motion. **M/C**

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:

McHenry: Given by Tom Krumwiede

Three board members attended the state convention held in Bismarck in January.

Board reorganization was held with Tom Krumwiede assuming the duties as Board Chairman and Scott Smith, Vice Chairman. Lorinda Haman was reappointed as Secretary/Treasurer.

Members of the McHenry County Weed Board assisted Ward County Weed Board at a booth at the Ag. Expo in Minot.

The Annual Report was completed and submitted to the State Office.

Annual dues were paid to the NDWCA.

A spring newsletter highlighting the year's program was published in mid-April and is distributed to all operating producers in the county. Spring chemical sales are held on four half days. Chemicals offered this year included Milestone, Tordon22K, Plateau and Curtail. A fall letter was sent to producers offering chemicals for sale by order only with one scheduled pickup date. Approximately 132 producers took advantage of the discounted prices in 2019. Producers spent approximately \$150,450.00 with the weed control board spending \$150,304.30.

The board completed and approved the 2020 budget. All monies received and disbursed by the county weed board continue to be filtered through the county auditor's office.

Two right of way sprayers met with the board to discuss right of way spraying for 2019. County roads were the primary focus this year. We were also able to spray township roads in 17 townships in 2019.

Ten noxious weed complaints were received this year. Final resolution on all complaints will be addressed at the November meeting.

Five board meetings, one sprayer meeting were held throughout the year with an additional meeting planned for mid-November.

Mountrail: Given by Jim Hennessy

Had 12 sprayers this year. Sprayed into fall. Oil fields are still a problem. Letters were sent, with some being dismissed by the states attorney. Problem noxious weeds are Leafy spurge, Wormwood, Houndstongue, Common tansy, Narrowleaf hawksbeard. Have hawksbeard in alfalfa, can't control it without killing the alfalfa.

Ward: Given by Derrill Fick

In January we had a booth at the KMOT Ag. Show that we shared with the McHenry County Weed Board.

We hired two contractors and two employees. Spraying started first part of June because of the cooler weather. We are running 2 pickups and a bigger truck with spray tanks, one 4-wheeler, and 1 UTV. In the beginning the spraying was slow because of the wet conditions then things got dryer the chemical was not working as well. Had to redo some areas and we also waited until we got a little rain to finish then we got too much rain.

We hired a helicopter to spray some private pastures and some gravel pits. We covered over 2000 acres on private lands plus another 200 acres of gravel pits.

We have been finding more Canada thistle and Absinth wormwood in the r-o-w. It became more visible part way thru spray season and really showed up after ditches were cut and we got more moisture. Mixed Milestone at 6oz/ac and Tordon at 1 qt/ac.

Finding many more small patches of Yellow toadflax around the county. Hitting these patches with higher rates of Tordon or using Method.

Still finding lots of Houndstongue. Seems to be as much as in previous years even though some of our worst areas had been flooded the plants seem to be returning.

Sprayed for Purple loosestrife along the Souris River again, even though there was some erosion that occurred from the flood the river still had Loosestrife growing along its banks. Seems to be more this year than previous years. Still finding plants scattered outside of city where drainages go to river.

Leafy spurge does not seem to be increasing in acres. It has helped to be able to use the chemical Method in the areas that don't get hayed. It seems to control the spurge better.

Spotted knapweed is still giving us trouble in the same areas. Some years it looks like we are getting ahead of it then the next year it seems to come back just as thick.

Have been finding a lot of Gall flies for Canada thistle this year.

Have noticed that the areas that we released the Yellow toadflax insects have shown to have fewer plants but still hard to collect insects.

Collected about 300,000 Leafy spurge flea beetles this year. Whenever we would collect any we would hand them out to our local producers that have been on our list for a few years.

We cost shared Tordon, Milestone and Plateau to 156 landowners with the county picking up 75% of the cost.

Found 1 Salt Cedar Plant where contractors built up a road for a state road project.

We have been spraying Leafy spurge and Canada thistle within the city of Minot

Burke: Given by Dan Folske

We had the best year for spraying roads in years. Had a second rig going. Did all the right of ways. First time that has happened in years. Fighting wind all the time. Got the cement poured in the new building. Will be state of the art when completed.

Common burdock may possibly be added to the county noxious weed list. Becoming a real problem in some areas.

Spurge spraying in right of ways was easier the first half of the season due to the drought, grass not growing. Was a little tougher second half with the rains, and the taller grass.

We still have one vacancy on the weed board. Having trouble finding a person to fill that position.

Canada thistle is everywhere. Farmers kill grass in road ditches by over spraying and drift, causing the weeds to grow.

Jim Hennessy asked what counties do when getting goats or sheep in for grazing. Jim feels it is cheaper to spray then using goats/acre. A lot of good discussion on pros and cons, what worked and doesn't work. They have their place in certain areas, but takes good management as well.

Industry:

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 Supply

Appreciate your business up here. Freelexx is \$20/gallon. Bayer – May see some price increases. New product – Plainview – for bareground. Glyphosate – seeing price fluctuations. I look forward to see and visit with you at your annual conference in January.

Bill Walker, NDWCA Industry Rep & Nutrien Solutions

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

The industry has been again somewhat quite 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 is 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.

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.

Proposed by law changes:

Bill reviewed the proposed changes, why they are being proposed, and where we go from here. Bill and Derrill discussed the proposed policy manual that will be worked on in 2020. Why it is needed, and what can be in it. This will reduce the need for constantly looking at changing the by laws.

Noxious Weed Development Fund:

Derrill highlighted portions of the proposed fund. Merlin and Bill also spoke of the reasoning behind the proposal, and what the need of it is.

Elections:

Area Director: 2 year term – Current director, Derrill Fick is eligible for another term. Derrill turned the meeting over to Merlin, who asked for nominations for area director. Tom nominated Derrill Fick. No other nominations were given. Tom then moved that the nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Derrill. Dan seconded the motion. **M/C**

At this time Merlin turned the meeting back over to Derrill, who then asked for 1st alternate to the area director. Tom nominated Jo Ashley and also moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jo. Jerome Behm seconded the motion. **M/C**

Derrill then asked for nominations for 2nd alternate. Jim nominated Dan Folsky and moved that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dan. Tom seconded the motion. **M/C**

2nd Vice president – Nominees must be from Areas I, II or III.

Merlin stated that we have one nomination so far, and that is Stan Wolf, Cass County Weed Officer, out of Area II. Discussion took place on eligibility of 2nd vice president. According to the by-laws, if the area director comes from a certain county, no other person can be from that same county can serve on the board of the weed control association. Vice versa, if the President, or 1st vice or 2nd vice is from a certain county, the area director cannot be from that same county.

There were no nominations at this time.

Merlin explained that you can also nominate someone from the floor during the annual meeting.

Poster Contest:

Derrill Fick, 2019 Education Chairman, submitted and read his report

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:

Derrill mentioned that there will be a meeting in Carrington, December 19. There will be a lot of discussion on Palmer amaranth. Even though it is an extension meeting, weed officers are invited to attend.

Merlin mentioned that the association has new cups and mugs for sale, today or also at the annual conference.

Jim mentioned that there will be a meeting on October 24 at Killdeer, the Vision West Committee. They are working on a protocol for a standard reclamation for oil sites. Would like someone from the association to attend, Derrill said he might be able to ride along.

Being no other business was brought forward, George Lemer moved to adjourn the meeting, Dan second the motion. **M/C**

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Merlin Leithold

Executive Secretary