MINUTES OF THE SD WEED & PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
April 12, 2018 – 1 pm CDT
Matthews Training Center, 1st Floor Foss Building, 523 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD

Lynn Deibert, by telephone, called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM, April 12, 2018.

Members Present: Chairman Lynn Deibert (on telephone), Commissioners Ron Thyen, Floyd Muntefering, Duane Buckmeier, and Craig Magedanz; Game Fish & Parks representative Paul Coughlin, Department of Transportation representative Jason Humphrey, Association of County Commissioners Representative Neil VonEschen and School & Public Lands Representative Mike Cornelison.

Ex-Officio/Non-Voting Members Present: Dept. of Ag representative Tom Gere, SDSU representative Paul Johnson, and Commission Secretary/Plant Industry Program Manager Brenda Sievers.

Also present were those listed on Exhibit #1.

Chairman Deibert turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Craig Magadanz.

There was one addition to the agenda. David McVey wanted to include on New Business Item #2 discussion on changes to open meetings law. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering, seconded by Duane Buckmeier, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Magedanz asked for any changes to the minutes of the two February 14th meetings. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering to approve the minutes. Seconded by Paul Coughlin. Motion carried.

Activity Reports

Department of Agriculture
Brenda Sievers reported there hadn't been much to update since the last meeting. Other department staff will be reporting on items.

Ron Moehring reported on changes with weed supervisors. Nebraska is planning to update their weed book and they are looking at possibly adding Absinth wormwood to the state noxious listing.

Dale Anderson reported on the CAPS pest surveys that are being planned for the upcoming season. Brenda presented the bio control survey plans for Mike Stenson.

District Reports
District reports were given by Craig Magedanz, At Large; Ron Thyen, District 1; Floyd Muntefering, District 2; Lynn Deibert, District 3; and Duane Buckmeier, District 4.

Association of County Commissioners
Neil VonEschen had nothing to report.

Department of Agriculture
Tom Gere reported that all straight Dicamba products will become restricted use. He also reported that industrial hemp bill was tabled, so it won't proceed. Pesticide registration fee will become annual instead of the biennial that it has been.

Department of Game Fish & Parks
Paul Coughlin reported that habitat management crews are almost hired. The fire at Custer State Park may increase weeds there. But a grant was secured to assist with efforts.

Department of Transportation
Jason Humphrey said the Department is in the process of getting weed spraying contracts out. They also do joint powers agreements with the counties to spray ROW areas. They have also been working on a pollinator project to increase pollinator habitat in areas along Interstate 29.

School & Public Lands
Mike Cornelison read a report produced by Commissioner Ryan Brunner, updating everyone on land lease information and on spraying plans.

SDSU
Paul Johnson talked about plot work and that they are still looking for plots for the upcoming season.

Old Business
Since the Association was still meeting, Brenda read a report on the 2018 Weed and Pest Conference held in Rapid City. There were over 200 people who attended. Proceeds from the raffle and silent auction were added to the scholarship fund. Deb Shultz will take over as Chairman of the Executive Board, Darwin Kurtenbach will be 1st Vice Chairman, and Darren Bauer from Corson County was elected as 2nd Vice Chair. Marty Pedersen, from the Black Hills National Forest was elected as the Government Representative on the Board. The remainder of the Executive Board is made up of Mary Tarter, Past Chair; Tom Hedrick Industry Representative; and the four District Chairmen, Ron Jarrett, Ralph Hammer, Lynn Deibert and Scott Guffey.

New Business

Code of Conduct for Commission Members
Chris Petersen, Finance Director for SD Department of Agriculture, talked about the Code of Conduct for Commission Members and handed out the draft document. The State Board of Internal Controls will meet and decide if it is a final document. Once it is, then Chris will come back to the Commission to have the Commission discuss and vote on it.

Locally Noxious Weed Rule Change & Changes to Open Meetings Law
David McVey from the Attorney General's Office and legal counsel for the Commission, discussed setting up a procedure or rule that would allow declaring a locally noxious weed in a county without going through a rule change. He also talked about a modification to the Open Meetings Law that requires a period of public comment at each meeting. This wouldn't be a question and answer period and can have a time limit put on it.

Long Range Objectives
The Long Range Objectives were presented. A motion was made by Ron Thyen to accept the Long Range Objectives. Seconded by Floyd Muntefering. Motion carried.

Annual Work Plan
Brenda Sievers discussed the Annual Work Plan, including the calendar and meeting dates. A motion was made by Floyd Muntefering to accept the Annual Work Plan. Seconded by Duane Buckmeier. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Craig Magedanz called for a short recess at 1:55 pm.

Chairman Lynn Deibert, on the phone, called the meeting back to order at 2:05 pm and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Craig Magedanz.

Douglas County Grant Report/Funding Qualification
Grant criteria requires that every county who receives a competitive grant to give a report to the Commission. At the February Commission Meeting, Douglas County didn't give their report, and it was deferred to Friday of the Weed and Pest Conference. Douglas County didn't give their report on Friday either, which means the Commission needs to decide whether to fund their upcoming FY2019 grants since they didn't meet criteria. Kim Klein was present from Douglas County and gave her FY2018 competitive grant reports. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Mike Cornelison, to fund the FY2019 Douglas County grants that were approved at the February meeting now that the report had been given on the FY2018 grants. Motion carried. Floyd Muntefering abstained.

Discussion on State Noxious Weeds – Absinth Wormwood/Yellow Toadflax
Brenda Sievers presented information on acre estimates and infestation maps for Absinth Wormwood and Yellow Toadflax that she and Ron Moehring had put together. The Commission had requested this information at the February meeting for more knowledge on the various noxious weeds.

Extensive discussion was held on listing Absinth Wormwood as a State Noxious Weed.

A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier to add Absinth Wormwood to the State Noxious Listing by amending existing rule 12:62:03:01:06, pending rules hearing, and to have a rules hearing at the September 11, 2018, Commission Meeting. Neil VonEschen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on adding Yellow Toadflax to the state noxious listing. Paul Johnson discussed control options and the difficulties with control options in lawns and cemeteries.

Mike Cornelison made a motion to keep Yellow Toadflax as a locally noxious weed and not add it to the state noxious listing. Seconded by Ron Thyen. Motion carried.

Elections
Vice Chairman Magedanz turned the meeting over to Paul Johnson to conduct elections. Paul Johnson called for nominations for Chairman. Craig Magedanz nominated Lynn Deibert for Chairman. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Floyd Muntefering, to have nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lynn Deibert as Chairman. Motion carried. Chairman will be Lynn Deibert.

Paul Johnson called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Floyd Muntefering nominated Craig Magedanz. A motion was made by Duane Buckmeier, seconded by Ron Thyen, that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Craig Magedanz as Vice-Chairman. Motion carried. The

Vice-Chairman will be Craig Magedanz. Paul Johnson turned the meeting back to Vice Chairman Craig Magedanz.

Association of SD County Weed & Pest Boards Chairman Deb Shultz was asked to update the Commission on their activities. They have a change and Gary Pribyl will be secretary for the group.

Approval of Bills
A motion was made by Paul Coughlin, seconded by Jason Humphre to pay the meeting expenses, salary and per diem for meetings attended. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neil VonEschen, seconded by Floyd Muntefering, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Magedanz declared the meeting adjourned at 3:31 pm.

Brenda Sievers
Commission Secretary

Lynn Deibert, Commission Chairman
(Approved Minutes)