2009-017

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2009 NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §2-945.01, et. seq.(Reissue 1997) also known as the Noxious Weed Control Act, Sarpy County has appointed Marty Hein as Noxious Weed Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act, a 2009 Noxious Weed Control Plan for Sarpy County has been prepared, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT the 2009 Noxious Weed Control Plan for Sarpy County, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and approved by said Board of Commissioners.

DATED this 27th day of January, 2009.

Moved by Rich Jansen, seconded by Rusty Hike, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:
Rusty Hike	none	none
Rich Jansen		
Jim Jones		ABSTAIN:
Tom Richards		none
Patrick J Thomas		

ATTEST:
Debra A. Houghtaling
County Clerk

Approved as to form:
Deputy County Attorney

Noxious Weed Control Plan
(Due January 31 of each year)
Revised November, 2004

Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Plant Industry
P.O. Box 94756
Lincoln, NE 68509-4756
(402) 471-2394

For: _____SARPY_____ County For the year 2009_____

Statement of Finding

The failure to control noxious weeds on lands in this state is a serious problem which is detrimental to the production of crops and livestock and to the welfare of residents of this state and which may devalue land and reduce tax revenue (Neb. Rev. Stat. 2-945.02(1)).

Section 2-954 of the Nebraska Noxious Weed Control Act requires each weed control authority to establish a coordinated program for the control of noxious weeds within the county.

Goals

List three goals outlining how your county plans to reduce the number of noxious weed infested acres in your county. Also, explain how your county plans on achieving each goal. Be specific and provide as much detail as possible. If more space is needed, you may attach additional sheets. (You may use a computer generated plan that follows the same format.)

During the 2009 season I will again request funding for the purchase of a new inspection truck. I have been driving the Ford Ranger Pickup now for 23 years the ranger has well over one hundred thousand miles and is burning oil and is no longer dependable.

Also during the 2009 season this goal will be ongoing from 2008 and for as long as it takes. I will work closely with the Papio-Missouri NRD last season the Papio NRD gave Five Thousand Dollars to the Noxious Weed Department to help purchase a new ATV for the department. The NRD also spent around Twenty Three Thousand Dollars on Helicopter spraying for Phragmites and Purple Loosestrife sites in Sarpy County. It is my hope that some sort of long term funding may arrive as a continuing maintenance fund for river spraying from the NRD.

I will continue working with land owners that have infestations of Purple Loosestrife and Phragmites to insure that proper control efforts are being made.I will also continue to work with neighboring Counties such as Cass, Saunders and Douglas to insure that control efforts are being made along area Rivers and waterways.

Another goal for 2009 will be to get more roadside spraying done along County Rights of Way being a one man department making inspections answering complaints calls does not leave a lot of time for spraying. I will try to make more time for roadside spraying this season.

General

In this section, list how your county achieved last season's goals and were they successful? Explain.

One of my goals for last season was to purchase a new inspection truck. The new inspection truck was again rejected I will request funding for a new inspection truck in my 2009-2010 buget.

Another goal of last season was to acquire funding to spray Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites & Saltcedar along the Platte River as well as the Missouri River. With the funding that we received from the Papio-Missouri River NRD to helicopter spray the islands and bank areas that where heavily infested with Phragmites, Purple Loosestrife and saltcedar this goal was achieved for this season.

By promoting awareness with property owners we are seeing more compliance along the Platte River infestations of Purple Loosestrife & Phragmites are being reduced.

Noxious Weed Enforcement

1. Which legal notice(s) will be utilized by the county weed control authority?

   _____X_____10 day _____15 day _____Both

2. List the procedure that the control authority has adopted for the weed superintendent to follow when notifying landowners of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations.

Given the fact that the groundwork had been completed and the Superintendent had all pertinent information at hand. The Superintendent would first try to call the property owner at home. The Superintendent would then instruct the owner that a noxious weed infestation had been found on their property. The Superintendent would give the owner alternatives on controlling the infestation and advise the owner that the infestation needs to be controlled as soon as possible. The Superintendent will make every effort to assist the property owner in controlling the infestation. The Superintendent may also send a letter if time will allow If all attempts to contact the owner fail the Superintendent will send the Ten Day Notice.

3. List the guidelines or policy that the control authority has established for the weed superintendent to follow when **issuing and enforcing an individual notice**. (Include information regarding inspections, evidence, officials to be notified, etc.)

Given the fact that the property owner has been contacted and has declined to perform the control work. The first inspection report would have been filled out. This report would include the county, date, and legal description, site in acres, that it was a complaint. The habitat, stage of growth, the type of noxious weed and or weeds found, the severity, a diagram of the area, the comments of the inspector and the inspectors signature. Pitchers would also be taken of the property a ten day notice would be sent by certified mail. Upon return of the certified receipt with the owner's signature the superintendent would know that property owner did receive the ten day notice.

The owner would be given ten days from the date at the bottom of the notice. At this time if the Superintendent felt that there might be a problem in enforcing the notice The Superintendent would contact the Chairman of the Control Authority board, the Sheriff and the County Attorney. On the eleventh day the property will be inspected in the same manner that it was first inspected. At this time if the control work has not been completed or has yet to be started the superintendent would have a contractor ready to perform the control work, When the control work is finished a notice of Unpaid Weed Control Assessment will be filed at the Register of Deeds Office. The amount of the control work plus a $75.00 dollar administrative fee if the same remains unpaid for two months, said assessment shall become a lien. The noxious weed control department will pay the contractor for the cost of the control work.

Public Awareness

Explain the type of public relations activities that your county will use in the upcoming year to increase public awareness (newspaper articles, interviews, presentations given, weed tours, landowner contacts, etc.). **Do not include the required general notice in this section.**

Increasing public awareness is important in order to educate the public on noxious weed control the superintendent plans to write short articles for the Extension Office newsletter the public that will be targeted by the newsletter will be farmers, acreage owners and commercial property owners. The superintendent intends to contact property owners having infestations of noxious weeds on their land. The contacts will be made in person, brochures left at the home, by phone, in the form of a letter or legal notice. The primary notice that will be used in most cases will be the Ten Day Notice. However this will depend greatly on the time element and the situation at hand. The Superintendent will work in close contact with the Control Authority, District Supervisor. County Attorney and the Farm Service Agency. These objectives will continue throughout the 2009 growing - season.

"Also see cooperative efforts"

Cooperative Efforts

Does your county actively support and participate in a weed management cooperative group?

NO _____ YES _____ Explain

Sarpy County is a member of the Lower Platte Weed Manage Area, the main focus of the group is working together to control Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites, Saltcedar and /or contain the spread of noxious and invasive plants. The LPWMA is a group of public and private agencies and individuals that are concerned with stopping the spread of Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites, saltcedar and other noxious and invasive plaints located in the Lower Platte River Drainage Area.
The LPWMA is located in the Platte River Drainage Corridor in 10 Counties of East Central Nebraska The corridor consists of lakes, streams, creeks, ponds and wetlands that drain into the Platte River that wanders through the following Counties: Butler. Cass, Colfax, Dodge Douglas, Lancaster, Platte, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward.

How does being part of a weed management cooperative group benefit your county?

The Lower Platte Weed Management Area efforts have been partially funded by a Pulling Together Initiative grant from the National Fish &Wildlife Foundation. With grant funding we where able purchase chemicals, print brochures pay for airboat & motorboat transpiration as well as hire seasonal part-time help. I feel that being a part of a weed management group has helped create more public awareness for each of the counties involved. Last summer the Papio-Missouri NRD spent over One Hundred Thousand Dollars on Helicopter spraying for Purple Loosestrife, Phragmites, and Saltcedar. In Sarpy, Douglas & Suanders Counties the NRD also gave Five Thousand Dollars to help Sarpy County buy an ATV. And the 2009 Season Looks like it mite be another good season for river work.

Contact List

Agency	Contact Person	Phone Number
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Schram Park Hwy 31	402-332-3901
Nebraska Department of Roads	Matthew Boone Sam Banister	402-676-7873 402-677-1661
BELF	Bob Schwartzcopf	308-308-6938
NRD	Terry Keller	402-510-1610
RC&D	Scott Willet	402-367-0510
FSA	Brian Ralston	402-339-8644
NRCS	Not Applicable	
Rural Development	Not Applicable	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Not Applicable	
National Forests or Parks	Not Applicable	
Railroads	UP BN	402-271-3763 817-333-1765
Irrigation Districts	Not Applicable	
Cities and Villages	Bellevue Papillion	402-292-3014 402-597-2021
Local News Media	Cindy Brenner Omaha World Herold	402-537-4893 402-444-1307
Public Power District	Omaha Public	402-552-5330
Other		

If more space is needed, you may attach additional sheets.

1. How many total hours does the control authority anticipate will be dedicated to the county noxious weed program? For the coming year? (Hours per quarter)

__312_____ January - March
__512_____ April - June
__512_____ July - September
__416_____ October - December

2. Has your county's noxious weed infestations increased or decreased in the past year?
__Increased_____ Explain.

By adding Phragmites to the Noxious Weed list I have increased my infested acres by 70 acres. The Phragmites was also sprayed by helicopter and by airboat.

Provide any other information or policy that the control authority has determined to be relevant to the noxious weed control program.

Purple Loosestrife
Inspections for purple loosestrife will be made throughout the 2009 growing -season. Property owners that have infestations of purple loosestrife will be contacted in one of the following manners by phone, letter or notice. Control methods will be discussed during these contacts property owners that have ornamental plantings will be instructed as to the proper disposal of the plant. Ten Day Notices will be used if all other attempts fail.

Musk Thistle
Inspections for musk thistle will be made in Sarpy County throughout the 2009 growing - season. Property owners that have infestations of musk thistle will be contacted in one of the following manners by phone, letter or notice, Control methods will be discussed during these contacts the superintendent will work with the property owners to gain control of the infestations.

Canada Thistle, Plumeless Thistle & Leafy Spurge
Inspections for Canada thistle, plumeless thistle & leafy spurge will be made throughout the 2009 growing - season. Sarpy County has light infestations of these three noxious weeds they are found mainly along County Roadsides and State Highways. Control for these infestations will be to spray both spring and fall to control roadsides. As with all noxious weeds the superintendent will assist the privet property owners with control recommendations and issue notices as needed.
Spotted and Diffuse Knapweeds & Saltcedar

No infestations of spotted and diffuse knapweeds have been found in Sarpy County Three saltcedar plants have been found in Sarpy while spraying in the 2008 season, I will keep the infestation level at one acre. As with all noxious weeds control efforts will continue throughout the 2009 season.

Phragmites
I have been spraying Phragmites along the Platte River sense the 2004 season, I will continue to spray and keep the infestations in check throughout the 2009 season. I do not want the infestation levels to get out of hand like I have seen in other areas.

4. Does your county have a resolution giving your county weed superintendent the authority to issue individual notices?
   NO ____ YES __X__

   How often is this resolution presented and approved by the County Weed Control Authority?
It has been about 8 year's scenes this resolution was approved by the County Weed Control Authority

At the 2005 NACO Convection in Omaha, NE we where told that if a resolution is passed there is no need to redo the resolution every few years the resolution is done until it's undone.

Submitted, reviewed, and approved by the county noxious weed control authority at a regular board meeting

Dated January 27 20 09

1-27-09
Date

Martin J. Zeim
County Weed Superintendent

1-27-09
Date

Tom Jones
Control Authority Chairperson

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ACTIVITY REPORT

(DUE January 31 of each year.)

SARPY County, 2008.

Month and year weed superintendent started in this position: **May 7th 1991**

For the **preceding** year, indicate the following:

1. **Control authority employees**:
   - a. Number of weeks weed superintendent was employed full-time as a weed superintendent. 52
   - b. Number of part-time or seasonal personnel employed annually. 0
   - c. Number of full-time personnel 0
   - d. Percent of time weed superintendent spent on required noxious weed activities. ..... 100 %
2. **County noxious weed budget:**
   - a. Actual total weed budget spent for the previous fiscal year. $71,749.00
   - b. Total weed budget most recently adopted and approved ***(total requirements)*** $81,517.00
   - c. Tax dollars required for weed control for last fiscal year $71,749.00
3. **Public relations and education:**
   - a. Number of public education and informational meetings presented by the control authority 1
   - b. Number of noxious weed articles published based on information provided by the control authority 1
   - c. Number of radio interviews conducted by the control authority regarding noxious weeds 0
   - d. Number of informational letters or brochures distributed by the control authority regarding noxious weeds. 200
   - e. Number of events that informational noxious weed displays were presented by the control authority 2
4. **Number of inspections completed and documented with appropriate inspection reports**

	(Spring)	(Fall)
a. Annual noxious weed inspection	25	20
b. Special noxious weed inspection	75	25
c. Complaint noxious weed inspection	150	50
d. Follow-up noxious weed inspection	75	25-50
e. Crop inspections	0	0
f. Article inspections	0	0

5. **Noxious weed notification and enforcement:**
   - a. Number of reports received concerning uncontrolled noxious weed infestations **(includes landowner complaints and Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) reports)** ..... 200 - 300
   - b. Number of requests made to individuals or other entities to control noxious weeds **(excluding official notices)**. 150

6. **Official 15-day notice results:**

   a. Number of 15-day notices issued. 0

   b. Number of 15-day notices which achieved acceptable compliance prior to notice expiration. 0

   c. Number of notices prosecuted. 0

   d. Dollar value of fine notices collected 0

   e. Number of 15-day notice disposition reports completed. 0

7. **Official 10-day notice results:**

   a. Number of 10-day notices issued. 23

   b. Number of 10-day notices which achieved acceptable compliance prior to expiration. 23

   c. Number of parcels force controlled by the county. 0

   d. Number of parcels force controlled by contractors 0

   e. Total number of acres force controlled. 0

   f. Total number of liens filed for nonpayment. 0

   g. Total number of 10-day notice disposition reports completed. 23

8. **Weed Superintendent Education and Training:**

   a. Number of regional Nebraska Weed Control Association (NWCA) meetings attended. 5

   b. Number of state NWCA meetings, workshops, or seminars attended. 3

   c. Number of university, state, or federal information or training sessions attended. 1

   d. Number of private industry training sessions attended. 0

   e. Other **(list number of sessions attended)**. 0

9. **Number of meetings weed superintendent held or attended with (other than those listed above):**

   a. Control authority. 0

   b. County attorney. 2

   c. District NDA inspector. 12

   d. Railroad officials. 1

   e. Road departments. 2

   f. Municipalities. 3

   g. Federal officials 1

   h. Other or miscellaneous _____ 0

Martin J. Hein — 1-27-09

County Weed Superintendent Signature — Date

[illegible] — 1-27-09

Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature — Date

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NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATION REPORT

(Due January 31st of each year) _____SARPY_____ County, 2008____

Record acres infested and severity for each noxious weed and land use for the ***preceding*** year.

		Musk Thistle Acres	Plumeless Thistle Acres	Canada Thistle Acres	Leafy Spurge Acres	Knapweed Acres	Loosestrife Acres	Saltcedar Acres	Phragmites Acres
RAILROAD	None	484	557	561	561	561	561	561	561
	Trace	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Light	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres	561	561	561	561	561	561	561	561
ROADS	None	8026	8516	8506	8515	8516	8506	8516	8515
	Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Light	400	0	10	1	0	10	0	1
	Moderate	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres	8,516	8,516	8,516	8,516	8,516	8,516	8,516	8,516
NONAGRI-CULTURAL	None	23925	25275	25254	25275	25275	25105	25274	25211
	Trace	0	0	0	0	0	70	1	0
	Light	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
	Moderate	1,350	0	21	0	0	100	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres	25,275	25,275	25,275	25,275	25,275	25,275	25,275	25,275
PASTURE/ RANGE/IDLE	None	14164	14264	14364	14364	14364	14364	14364	14364
	Trace	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Light	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Moderate	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres	14,364	14,364	14,364	14,364	14,364	14,364	14,364	14,364
CROPLAND	None	109722	109722	109715	109721	109722	109702	109722	109718
	Trace	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Light	0	0	5	0	0	20		4
	Moderate	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Acres	109,722	109,722	109,722	109,722	109,722	109,722	109,722	109,722
COUNTY TOTALS	**None**	156321	158334	158400	158436	158438	158238	158437	158369
	Trace	0	104	0	0	0	70	1	0
	Light	500	0	15	1	0	30	0	69
	Moderate	1617	0	23	1	0	100	0	0
	Severe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Co. Ac.	158438	158438	158438	158438	158438	158438	158438	158438
Total Acres Infested		2117	104	38	2	0	200	1	69

Noxious weed(s) petitioned by county: _____ Total Acres: _____

Martin J. Hein — 1-27-09

County Weed Superintendent Signature — Date

John Jones — 1-27-2009

Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature — Date

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WEED CONTROL AUTHORITY BOARD ROSTER

(Due January 31st of each year.)

SARPY County, 2009___.

NOTE: *(1) Roster should reflect current or upcoming members only; and (2) Ex-officio or weed liaison commissioners or supervisors designated to receive correspondence in lieu of the chairperson should be indicated as such.*

Section 2-953 of the Noxious Weed Control Act defines the control authority as the county weed district board, or the county board.

This control authority is: X☐ County board ☐ Weed board

Name	Mailing Address	City/State/Zip	Telephone *(including area code)*	Board Type*	Date Current Term Ends	Years of Service
Chairperson/President: Joni Jones	821 Wilshire Lane	Papillion, NE 68046	H 402-9919546 W 402-496-0220	B	2010	2
Vice Chairperson/Vice President: Rich Jansen	20801 Ruff Road	Gretna, NE 68028	H 402-332-4827 Cell 402-297-8098	B	2010	2
Secretary:						
Treasurer:						
Member: Rusty Hike	15402 Highway 75 South	Bellevue, NE 68123	H 402-292-2324 Cell 402-291-2500	B	2012	0
Member: Tom Richards	1234 ST. Andrews Road	Bellevue, NE 68005	H 402-292-1516 Cell 402-871-5520	B	2012	0
Member: Patrick Thomas	11623 S 60th Street	Papillion, NE 86133	Cell 402-990-1209	B	2012	0
Superintendent: Marty Hein	2007 Wayne St.	Bellevue, NE 68005	402-291-0759			18

*Board types: C = City representative, weed board
R = Rural representative, weed board
B = Board member, county commissioner/supervisor

Martin J. Hein
County Weed Superintendent signature

1-27-09
Date

Joni Jones
Control Authority Chairperson/President signature

1-27-09
Date

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BUDGET REPORT
(DUE January 31 of each year)

SARPY County, 2009

Current Year Budget:

Available Funds: 81,517.00

Expenses: 81,517.00

Prior Year Actual:

Revenues: 76,487.00

Expenses: 71,749.00

Superintendent Salary: 50,660.00

Marvin S. Klein — 1-27-09
County Weed Superintendent Signature — Date

Tom Jones — 1-27-09
Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature — Date

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NEBRASKA WATCH LIST
INFESTATION REPORT
(Due January 31, of each year)

County: Sarpy **Year:** 2008

COMMON NAME *SCIENTIFIC NAME*	Cropland	Pasture / Rangeland	Forest / Woodland	Wetlands	Rights of Way	Total Infested Acres
Amur Honeysuckle *Lonicera maacki*						
Crown Vetch *Coronilla varia*		10			200	210
Dalmation Toadflax *Linaria dalmatica*						
Dames Rocket *Hesperis matronalis*					10	10
European Buckthorn *Rhamnus cathartica*						
Garlic Mustard *Allaria petiolata*			1000		10	1010
Whitetop *Cardaria spp. – three species*						
Houndstongue *Cynoglossum officinale*						
Multiflora Rose *Rosa multiflora*						
Scotch Thistle *Onopordum acanthium*						
Sericea Lespedeza *Lespedeza cuneata*						
Yellow Toadflax *Linaria vulgaris*						
St. John's-wort *Hypericum perforatum*						
Caucasian Bluestem/Australian Beardgrass *Bothriochloa bladhii*						
Autumn Olive *Elaeagnus umbellata*						
Russian Olive *Elaeagnus angustifolia*		50	50	100	100	300
Total Infested Acres						1527

Return completed report to:

Nebraska Department of Agriculture
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Deb Houghtaling
Sarpy County Clerk

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Fred Uhe
Chief Deputy

January 28, 2009

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RE: Noxious Weed Control Plan

Action by the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, at the meeting of January 27, 2009, is as follows:

CONSENT AGENDA

14. Resolution: Adopt and Approve 2009 Noxious Weed Control Plan. (2009-017)

MOTION: Jansen moved, seconded by Hike, to approve the Consent Agenda items as amended with the removal of Agenda items #3, #15, and #16. Ayes: Hike, Jones, Richards, Thomas & Jansen. Nays: None.

Please find enclosed the adopted 2009 Noxious Weed Control Plan.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Houghtaling
Sarpy County Clerk

/cv

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402-253-2843 OFFICE
402-681-4359 CELL

MEMO

TO: Sarpy County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Marty Hein Noxious Weed Superintendent

RE: Annual Noxious Weed Control Plan

Date: January 19, 2009

Each year Sarpy County is required to submit a noxious weed control plan to the State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture by January 31. Please look over the 2009 control plan if you have any questions, comments or changes please call me. The 2009 control plan will be on the consent agenda on Tuesday January 27, 2009

Martin J. Hein

Martin J. Hein
Noxious Weed Superintendent