

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2010 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 2010 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 2010 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 26th day of January, 2010.

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

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Rusty Huke _____ none _____ none _____

Rich Jansen _____ _____ _____

Jan Jones _____ _____ **ABSTAIN:**

Tom Richard _____ none _____

Patrick J. Thomas _____ _____

ATTEST:

Debra J. Houghtaling
County Clerk



Approved as to form:
[Signature]
Deputy County Attorney

Deb Houghtaling

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January 27, 2010

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RE: Noxious Weed Control Plan

Action by the Sarpy County Board of Commissioners, at the meeting of January 26, 2010, is as follows:

Resolution (2010-024): Adopt and approve 2010 Noxious Weed Control Plan.
Marty Hein, Noxious Weeds

MOTION: Jansen moved, seconded by Hike, to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Ayes: Hike, Jones, Richards, Thomas & Jansen. Nays: None.

Please find enclosed the adopted 2010 Noxious Weed Control Plan.

Sincerely,



Debra J. Houghtaling
Sarpy County Clerk

/cv

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

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For: _____ SARPY _____ County For the year 2010 _____

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.)

Goal one: During the 2010 season, I will again work closely with the Papio- Missouri NRD this goal will be ongoing throughout the 2010 season. The Papio NRD has been very instrumental in providing funding for the purchase of an ATV and helicopter spraying for purple loosestrife phragmites and saltcedar along the Platte River in Sarpy County. In the future I hope to gain some sort of long term funding from the Papio NRD that can be used as a maintenance fund to spray phragmites purple loosestrife and saltcedar along the Platte River in Sarpy County.

Goal two: During the 2010 season I would like to get more roadside spraying done along county rights of way last season I was able to get more spraying done with the use of the ATV. This season I would like to spray even more however I'm still a one man department and answering complaint calls and making inspections does not leave a lot of time for spraying. I will try to spray more roadsides this season.

Goal three: I will continue to work with landowners that have infestations of purple loosestrife phragmites and saltcedar along the Platte & Missouri Rivers in Sarpy County to insure that proper control efforts are being made. I will also continue to work with landowners having other noxious weed infestations. And I will work with neighboring counties such as Cass, Douglas and Saunders to insure that control efforts are being made along our borders and Area Rivers and Waterways.

General

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

One goal for last season was to purchase a new inspection truck; I ended up getting a newer Ford Pickup from the Impound Lot this saved the county about twenty to twenty five thousand dollars.

My goal to establish long term funding from the Papio NRD for a continuing maintenance river spraying fund has not been reached at this time. I will continue to work on this goal during the 2010 season.

With the use of the ATV last season I was able to get more roadsides sprayed.

By promoting awareness with property owners and helping property owners get their river areas sprayed we are seeing more compliance along the Platte River. Infestations of purple loosestrife and 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.

2. 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.)

3. 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 inspector's signature.

Pitches would also be taken of the property a ten day notice would be sent by registered mail. Upon return of the registered 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 as 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 contractor is finished a notice of Unpaid Weed Control Assessment will be filed at the Register of Deeds Office. In the amount of a \$75.00 dollar administrative fee plus the cost of the control work, 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.**

1, 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 2010 growing - season.

"Also see cooperative efforts"

Cooperative Efforts

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

NO _____ YES X Explain

Sarpy County is a member of the Lower Platte Weed Management Area the main focus of the group is working together to control Phragmites, Purple Loosestrife and Saltcedar and /or contain the spread of noxious and new invasive aquatic plants.

The LPWMA is a group of County weed superintendent's, public, private agencies and individuals that are concerned with stopping the spread of phragmites, purple loosestrife, saltcedar and other noxious and invasive aquatic plants 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, we also received funding from the State of Nebraska Department of Agriculture grant. With grant funding we were able purchase chemicals, print brochures pay for airboat & motorboat transpiration and 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. In 2008 the Papio Missouri NRD spent over twenty three thousand dollars in Sarpy County on helicopter spraying along the Platte River and the NRD also gave five thousand dollars for the purchase of an ATV. It is my hope that some type of a maintenance river spraying fund can be obtained through the Papio NRD in the future.

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?
Decreased Explain.

I am decreasing the Phragmites infestations by 20 acres during the 2008 season all of my river acres of phragmites were sprayed. Last season I found only small areas of phragmites that needed to be sprayed and all of those areas have been sprayed. I am also decreasing the Plumeless Thistle by 100 acres these were some of the old figures and I have not found any plumeless thistle in my county.

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 2010 growing -season. Property owners with infestations of purple loosestrife will be contacted in one of the following manners in person by phone, letter or legal 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 2010 growing - season. Property owners that have infestations of musk thistle will be contacted in one of the following manners in person by phone, letter or legal 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 2010 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 each season I seem to find one saltcedar plant. I will keep the infestation at one acre as with all noxious weeds control efforts will continue throughout the 2010 season.

Phragmites

In 2008 all of my river phragmites was sprayed by helicopter or airboat and in 2009 all of my river phragmites was again spayed by airboat. During the 2010 season I will work on my upland phragmites sites as well as spraying out on the river sites.

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 9 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 1/26/2010 2010

1-26-2010
Date

Martin S. Hein
County Weed Superintendent

1/26/2010
Date

Joni Rogers
Control Authority Chairperson

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ACTIVITY REPORT

(DUE January 31 of each year.)

SARPY County, 2009

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..... \$64,925.00
- b. Total weed budget most recently adopted and approved (*total requirements*) \$70,099.00
- c. Tax dollars required for weed control for last fiscal year..... \$64,925.00

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..... 25 25
- c. Complaint noxious weed inspection..... 150 50
- d. Follow-up noxious weed inspection..... 75 35 to 50
- e. Crop inspections..... 0 1
- 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 84
- b. Number of 10-day notices which achieved acceptable compliance prior to expiration..... 20
- c. Number of parcels force controlled by the county..... 0
- d. Number of parcels force controlled by contractors..... 64
- e. Total number of acres force controlled..... 30 to 40
- f. Total number of liens filed for nonpayment..... 62
- g. Total number of 10-day notice disposition reports completed..... 84

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..... 4
- d. Railroad officials..... 1
- e. Road departments..... 2
- f. Municipalities..... 3
- g. Federal officials..... 1
- h. Other or miscellaneous..... 0

Martin S. Hein

County Weed Superintendent Signature

1-26-2010
Date

Joni Jones

Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

1/26/2010
Date

NOXIOUS WEED INFESTATION REPORT

(Due January 31st of each year)

SARPY

County, 2009

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	25235
	Trace	0	0	0	0	0	70	1	0
	Light	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
	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	14364	14364	14364	14364	14364	14364	14364
	Trace	0	0	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	0	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	158434	158400	158436	158438	158238	158437	158393
	Trace	0	4	0	0	0	70	1	0
	Light	500	0	15	1	0	30	0	45
	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	4	38	2	0	200	1	45

Noxious weed(s) petitioned by county: _____

Total Acres: _____

Martin S. Stein

1-26-2010

County Weed Superintendent Signature

Date

Ann Jones

1/26/2010

Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

Date

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BUDGET REPORT
(DUE January 31 of each year)

SARPY County, 2010

Current Year Budget:

Available Funds: 88,274.00 _____

Expenses: 88,274.00 _____

Prior Year Actual:

Revenues: 81,517.00 _____

Expenses: 83,517.00 _____

Superintendent Salary: 54,014.00 _____

Martin S. Hein
County Weed Superintendent Signature

1-26-2010
Date

Tom Jones
Control Authority Chairperson/President Signature

1/26/2010
Date

Nebraska Watch List Infestation Report

(Due January 31, of each year)

County: Sarpy

Year:2009

Common Name Scientific Name	Cropland	Pasture/ Rangeland	Forest/ Woodland	Wetlands	Right of way	Total
Amur Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera maacki</i>						0
Crown Vetch <i>Coronilla varia</i>		10			200	210
Dalmation Toadflax <i>Linaria dalmatica</i>						0
Dames Rocket <i>Hesperis matronalis</i>					15	15
European Buckthorn <i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>						0
Garlic Mustard <i>Allaria petiolata</i>			1000		10	1010
Whitetop <i>Cardaria spp.-three species</i>					30	30
Houndstongue <i>Cynoglossum officinate</i>						0
Multiflora Rose <i>Rosa multiflora</i>						0
Sulfer Cinquefoil <i>Potentilla recta L.</i>						0
Sericea Lespedeza <i>Lespedeza cuneata</i>						0
Perennial Pepperweed <i>Lepidium Latifolium</i>						0
St. John's - Wort <i>Hypericum perforatum</i>						0
Caucasian Bluestem <i>Bothriochloa bladii</i>						0
Autumn Olive <i>Elaeagnus umbellata</i>						0
Russian Olive <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>		50	50	100	100	300
Total Infested Acres	0	10	1000	0	255	1265

Return completed report to:

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