

# MINUTES

Stark County Weed Control Board

January 25, 2025

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## In Attendance

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Mac Hoerner, Paul Clarys, Caden Tuhy, David Wanner, Greg Messer, and Shelly Ziman met at the County Office. Others present: Travis Jepson, Kurt Froelich, Jo Thompson.

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## Call to Order

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Chairman Mac Hoerner called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

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## Agenda

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Paul motioned to approve the agenda, Greg second. Motion carried.

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## Financial Report

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2024 Financial Reports were reviewed. David motioned to approve the Financial Report, Shelly second. Motion carried.

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## Minutes

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Paul made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes, Caden second. Motion carried.

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## County Parks

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Follow-up discussion regarding weed control at the Stark County Fairgrounds and Motorsports Park took place. The Parks Director will be contacted to discuss the possibility of their seasonal intern obtaining a Commercial Applicator's license to apply restricted use herbicides. The Weed Control Department can supply a side-by-side bareground spray unit and necessary herbicides. As previously determined, the Weed Control Department staff will provide all noxious weed control on these county owned properties starting in the 2025 growing season. Further discussion and budget planning for this will be necessary for the 2026 season.

Additionally, discussion of how to fill seasonal positions followed, including wages and guaranteed minimum hours. Two seasonal positions will need to be filled for the 2025 season.

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## County Noxious Weeds List

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Stark County has 2 county listed noxious weeds: Black Henbane and Hoary Cress. Per N.D.C.C. 4.1-47-10 county weed boards are to review their noxious weed list every 5 years. At this time, no changes were warranted. However, Ventenata, an invasive annual grass, was

brought up as a potential concern. Awareness and monitoring for Ventenata will be important, as infestations of the grass are present in neighboring areas.

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### Vouchers

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A motion was made by Greg to approve members' travel vouchers from the November meeting that was unable to be held due to lack of a quorum. David second. Motion carried.

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### Call for Bids

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Paul made a motion to call for herbicide bids to be opened at the 3/26/25 meeting. Caden second. Motion carried.

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### Updates

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- NDWCA Annual conference is February 4-6 in Bismarck. Travis and Jo will be attending.
- An F150 pickup was purchased this month with the 2025 budgeted funds of \$40,000 plus \$7,059 of TAG funds that will be reimbursed by the NDDA.

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### Next Meeting

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Next meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

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### Adjournment

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The meeting adjourned on a motion by Paul, second by Greg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.