BURLEIGH COUNTY WEED BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 1st, 2025

4:00 PM

Chairman Bakken called the Burleigh County Weed Board meeting to order.

Rollcall of the members: Commissioners Brian Bitner, Wayne Munson, Steve Schwab, Jerry Woodcox, and Chairman Steve Bakken were present.

Motion by Comm. Bitner, 2nd by Comm. Munson to approve the agenda. Commissioners Bitner, Munson, Schwab, Woodcox, and Chairman Bakken voted 'AYE'. ***Motion carried***.

Motion by Comm. Woodcox, 2nd by Comm. Munson to approve the July 7th, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioners Bitner, Munson, Schwab, Woodcox, and Chairman Bakken voted 'AYE'. ***Motion carried***.

Chairman Bakken opened the meeting to public comment.

- No comment was heard.

Chairman Bakken closed the public comment segment.

County Weed Officer Daron Johnson gave an update on the County's weed control program. He stated they had sixty-four chemical sales and fifty-two applications of contract spraying on private land. Johnson listed the chemicals he has purchased and that is in storage for next year's spraying. He discussed some of the complaints he had received this past season and the resolutions. Johnson said that they applicated along the interstate and highways for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and their final billing was $30,493.94. Discussion was had on possibly charging the NDDOT a fee on top on their billing to cover administrative and extra costs which Johnson said he would investigate going forward. Discussion was had regarding noxious weeds at Hawktree and the difficulties with surrounding development's HOAs. Johnson presented information on beetles for weed control and the spraying of gravel pits. He discussed plans for 2026 which included replacing the coin dispenser at the Wing Fire Hall, purchasing water tanks for use in the southeast part of the County, purchasing one more Android Spray Sync device for the third spray truck, applying for selection by the North Dakota Weed Control Association to attend a conference in Colorado, looking into expansion of storage for chemicals and vehicles, and a test of killing back grass from the edges of some of the County roads.

Meeting adjourned. **5:00 PM**

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Mark Splonskowski, Auditor/Treasurer Steve Bakken, Chairman

BURLEIGH COUNTY WEED BOARD
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JULY 7th, 2025

5:40 PM

Chairman Bakken called the Burleigh County Weed Board meeting to order.

Roll call of the members: Commissioners Bitner, Munson, Schwab, Woodcox, and Chairman Bakken present.

Motion by Comm. Bitner, 2nd by Comm. Woodcox to approve the agenda. All members present voted 'AYE'. ***Motion carried***.

Motion by Comm. Woodcox, 2nd by Comm. Schwab to approve the May 5th, 2025 meeting minutes. All members present voted 'AYE'. ***Motion carried***.

County Weed Officer Daron Johnson gave an update on the County's weed control program. He stated that between twenty-seven and thirty townships had been sprayed. Johnson said that he had received forty applications for contracted spraying of private land. From May 1st through June 26th, chemical distribution occurred on Thursdays between 11:00am and 1:00pm and approximately fifty people picked up chemicals for self-application. Johnson said that he had been giving township officers notification of spraying ahead of time and to also let them know to have landowners mark areas of increased infestation. He stated that he purchased chemicals ahead of the anticipated chemical price increase. Johnson said that the County had three spray trucks: two with SpraySync and one without. The one without the SpraySync is tracking the activity manually and then logging it into the system. Johnson stated that when the trucks are out spraying, they are covering the gravel pits as well. He did note that weed complaints have been minimal, but the weeds haven't started blooming yet. Johnson said he got four bags of brown and black beetles which have been placed mainly around the Hogue Island area to eat the weeds along with some red-headed bores.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mark Splonskowski, Auditor/Treasurer Steve Bakken, Chairman

BURLEIGH COUNTY WEED BOARD
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MAY 5th, 2025

5:00 PM *Invocation by Chaplain and Pledge of Allegiance*

Chairman Bakken called the Burleigh County Weed Board meeting to order.

Roll call of the members: Commissioners Bitner, Munson, Schwab, Woodcox, and Chairman Bakken present.

Motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Bitner to approve the agenda. All members present voted 'AYE'. ***Motion carried***.

Motion by Comm. Schwab, 2nd by Comm. Munson to approve the January 21st, 2025 meeting minutes. All members present voted 'AYE'. ***Motion carried***.

County Weed Officer Daron Johnson enumerated updates on the weed program. He stated the self-application form for chemical sales started on May 1st, 2025 and he will continue selling until June 26th, 2025 on Thursdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Johnson said that he has received a lot of interest in the contract spraying. He listed Milestone and High Noon as the chemicals that are being applied this year. Johnson stated the County purchased SpraySync in 2023 and is getting the system set up for use in conjunction with the NDDA. SpraySync will be out this year to install the system on the trucks and NDDA Inspector Derek Woehl will be present with the operators to do a mock inspection on the equipment. He said Woehl would also be coming out to the distribution center to make sure everything looks good. Johnson stated that the contract has been signed with NDDOT for state highway spraying.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mark Splonskowski, Auditor/Treasurer Steve Bakken, Chairman

BURLEIGH COUNTY WEED BOARD
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JANUARY 6, 2025

5:00 PM *Invocation by Chaplain and Pledge of Allegiance*

Weed Board Member Schwab called the Burleigh County Weed Board meeting to order.

A roll call of members: Commissioners Munson, Woodcox, Bitner, Schwab, and Chairman Bakken (via telephone) were present.

Motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Bitner to approve the agenda. All present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Bakken, 2nd by Comm. Bitner to approve the November 18th, 2024, meeting minutes. All members present voted, "AYE." Motion carried.

Deputy Auditor Vietmeier opened and read three bids for right of way weed spraying to the Burleigh County Weed Board. All bids included the proper documentation. However, one of the businesses who had placed a bid was misidentified as FertiLawn – the company that had placed that bid was actually Green Head Spring LLC. Weed officer Johnson requested that himself and the Burleigh County Weed Board review the bids that were submitted January 6th, 2025 and will award accepted contract at the January 21st, 2025 Burleigh County Weed Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mark Splonskowski, Auditor/Treasurer Steve Bakken, Chairman