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Timothy Huey  
Director

To: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: November 29, 2010

**Re: Approval of 2010 Weed Commissioner's Report.**

Attached is a copy of the 2010 Weed Commissioner's report that has been filled out with the assistance of the Secondary Roads Department. This is an annual report that is required to be filed with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

I would recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution allowing the Chairman to sign the report so it can be filed with the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

**2010 WEED COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**  
**Submit to County Board of Supervisors by December 1, 2010**  
**Return copy to the IDALS office by January 1, 2011**

**From:** Timothy Huey **County:** Scott

Please Fax, Email or Mail any city, county Ordinances or Policies you use to regulate noxious weeds, county right of way and other issues you manage within your county. Ryan.Krull@IowaAgriculture.gov, fax 515-725-1471, or mail to address at bottom of report. (make sure they include Weed Destruction/Control Dates!!)

We are working on several projects based on information from these documents. Hopefully this will help DOT streamline controls between counties, and eventual update of the Iowa Noxious Weed Law.

**1.) Which of the noxious weeds have you found in your county?**

1- Found, a problem in my county    2 - Found, but not a problem    3 - Not known in my county

<u>Primary Noxious Weeds</u>		<u>Secondary Noxious Weeds</u>	
Buckthorn	2	Buckhorn Plantain	3
Bull Thistle	2	Cocklebur	2
Canada Thistle	3	Wild sunflower	2
Field Bindweed	1	Curly dock (Sour dock)	2
Hoary Cress (Perennial Peppergrass)	3	Poison hemlock	2
Horsenettle	2	Puncturevine	3
Leafy Spurge	3	Red Sorrel (Sheep sorrel)	3
Musk Thistle	2	Smooth dock	3
Perennial Sowthistle	2	Teasel	1
Quackgrass	2	Velvetleaf (Butterprint)	2
Russian knapweed	3	Wild Carrot	3
Other		Wild Mustard	2
Other		Multiflora Rose	2
Purple loosestrife		Shattercane	2

**2.) Please list any other weeds which present a problem in your county:**

3.) As County Weed Commissioner do your duties include roadside spraying?

\_\_\_\_ Yes  No (County Engineer responsible)

4.) Did your county employ contract spraying during 2009?  Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, what percentage of your total spray program is contracted? 95 %

How would you rate the effectiveness of those herbicides used?

Good \_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_ Poor

5.) What are your future plans and expected costs for control of noxious weeds on those infested tracts of land or right-of-way that are problems in your county?

Plans are to decrease the amount of spray and increase the areas that are mowed. No expected change in costs.

7.) How many times during 2010 was it necessary to serve a noxious weed control notice on private land? 0

8.) How many times did you contact individuals personally, rather than sending them a weed control notice? 0

9.) How many times did you actually enter private land, control weeds, and assess the cost to the property owner? 0

10.) What is your annual county weed control budget, including all contracted control services? \$80,000

Please include chemicals, seeds, projects, salaries ect.

11.) How many years have you been County Weed Commissioner? 16

12.) How many months were you employed as weed commissioner in 2009?

12

13.) Are your duties as weed commissioner incorporated into another county job?

14.)  Yes \_\_\_\_ No If Yes, what? Planning and Development Director

15.) How does the overall county weed situation compare with last year?

\_\_\_\_ Improved  Unchanged \_\_\_\_ Worse

Why did the situation get better or worse?

Overall the Scott County weed situation remained unchanged from previous  
years due to the continuation of the spraying program

15.) Is brush control included in your weed commissioner duties?  Yes  No  
If yes, what method(s) do you use?  Spraying,  Cutting,  Stump  
treatment,  Basal bark,  other, explain \_\_\_\_\_

16.) What are your suggestions and/or recommendations which may improve your  
county weed and brush infestations?  
Continue annual spray program

17.) What would you like to see the Iowa Weed Commissioners organization do in  
the future? What are some directions you think we should move towards? What do  
you think should stay the same?

No recommendations at this time

18.) Do you use a computer as a weed commissioner?  Yes  No  
Do you have an E-Mail address?  No,  Yes  
Email address:

THuey@scottcountyiowa.com

(even if not work related)

18.) What herbicides did your county use in your weed control program. **Be specific,  
please list brand name and quantity of each.** If spray program is contracted in your  
county, ask your contractor for this information. Add another page if necessary.

**Herbicide usage table**

BRAND	GALLONS	POUNDS	OUNCES
Tahoe 4-2 4D Garolon 4 1 gal/100 gal #20	605 gallons		
Round up 2 gal/100 gal #20	30 gallons		
Transline	20 gallons		

The above report is true to the best of my knowledge.  
 County Weed Commissioner,  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman, County Board of Supervisors,  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN A COPY TO: IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP  
STATE WEED COMMISSIONER  
2230 SOUTH ANKENY BOULEVARD  
ANKENY, IOWA 50023

Or [Ryan.Krull@IowaAgriculture.gov](mailto:Ryan.Krull@IowaAgriculture.gov) or Fax 515-725-1471

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT  
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

**RESOLUTION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**December 9, 2010**

**APPROVAL OF 2010 ANNUAL WEED REPORT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the annual report as submitted by the Weed Commissioner be accepted, signed by the Board Chairman, and copies be forwarded to the Secretary of Agriculture and the County Auditor. One copy shall be retained in the Planning and Development Department.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

