

Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan Resolution

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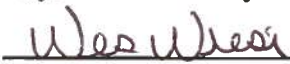
April 4th, 2018

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa to establish policies, practices and funding to control noxious weeds.

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors desires to establish a plan for the long-term management of the roadside vegetation within the county.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Hardin County Board of Supervisors that the county establish the following Roadside Vegetation Management Plan:

1. Improve public relations image on roadside management practices and procedures.
2. Inventory county roadsides to determine weed populations and concentrations, native prairie indicators, populations and concentrations, and brush problems.
3. Restore native prairie grass and flower (forb) species where appropriate.
4. Protect county roadsides from erosion, slump and siltation.
5. Take advantage of unique funding, management, and seed procuring opportunities.
6. Control brush and other vegetation that could interfere with public safety.
7. Promote economic advantages of better roadside management through out the county, utilizing latest practices.
8. Investigate alternative methods for controlling weeds within the county right of way.

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Bj Hoffman: BOS Chairman  _____	Date 4/4/18 _____
Megan Dohrman: Roadside Vegetation Management Biologist  _____	Date 4/4/18 _____
Taylor Roll: County Engineer  _____	Date 4/4/18 _____
Wes Wiese: County Conservation Director	Date

RESOLUTION # 2018-13
A PUBLIC NOTICE DESTRUCTION OF
NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED

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NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

BE IT RESOLVED, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14 2018 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

Each owner and each person in the possession of or person responsible for managing lands, in Hardin County shall cut, burn, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner to prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Producers with sensitive crops or anyone with roadside spraying concerns should contact the Hardin County Weed Commissioner's Office (641-849-0333).

Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before the following dates and as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Group 1. June 1, 2017, for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass; Sour Dock; Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel, Tall Thistle and Musk Thistle.

Group 2. June 20, 2017, for Canadian Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard.

Group 3. July 1, 2017, for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butter Print, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Marijuana (Hemp), Sunflowers, Wild Carrot and Buckhorn Plantain.

Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Hardin County infested with any noxious weeds including Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canadian Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Poison Hemlock, shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.

In case of failure to comply in any order of control of weeds, the commissioner, deputies, or agents may, subsequent to the time after service of the notice provided for in Section 317.6, enter upon the land and control the weeds or impose a maximum penalty of \$10 per day, up to ten days, that the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply. If a penalty is imposed and the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply, the commissioner shall cause the weeds to be controlled. If the commissioner, deputies, or the agents enter the land and control the weeds, the actual cost and expense of cutting, burning, or otherwise controlling the weeds, along with the cost of serving notice and special meetings or proceedings, shall be paid by the county and together with the additional assessment to apply toward costs of supervision and administration, be recovered by an assessment against the tract of real estate on which the weeds were growing as provided in Section 317.21. Any fine imposed shall be recovered by a similar assessment.

The Hardin County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program shall control noxious weed infestations and other problem vegetation in county road rights-of-way which may threaten public health, cause economic loss or affect safe travel. Costs to control noxious weed problems associated with physical changes in the right-of-way, (i.e. over spray, excess tillage, untimely mowing) may be assessed to those responsible for such acts. Soil erosion by wind and water promotes annual and perennial weed growth on agricultural land and in road rights-of-way. Landowners and operators are encouraged to be good land stewards and utilize erosion control methods such as conservation tillage, field borders, buffer strips, and grassed waterways.

Approval By:  _____

BJ Hoffman
Hardin County Board of Supervisor Chairman

Date: 4/14/2018