BURLEIGH COUNTY WEED BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2026

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

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 May 18, 2026, 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 provided a detailed midseason update. Johnson reported that chemical sales have been consistent with previous years. He stated that beetles had been released on some private property with goals of being able to harvest them for use in other locations. Johnson said that the first spraying cycle has bee completed in all Townships, and crews were conducting follow-up treatment of thistle, regrowth, and woody vegetation near roadways. He noted that they are continuing on with the North Dakota Department of Transportation work and are still under their budget of $35,000.

Johnson said he was planning on attending some continuing education programing and that he wanted clarification on the budgeted amount allowed. Discussion was had with the Commission leaving the amount allocated for travel and continuing education at $3,000 as budgeted.

No other business was heard.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mark Splonskowski, Auditor/Treasurer Steve Bakken, Chairman

BURLEIGH COUNTY WEED BOARD
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MAY 18TH, 2026

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

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

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

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

Motion by Comm. Munson, 2nd by Comm. Bitner to approve the December 1st, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioners Bitner, Munson, Schwab, 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 provided a detailed seasonal update regarding weed control operations and 2026 planning. Johnson reported that chemical sales began earlier than usual with warming soil temperatures increasing weed growth. He said the County will continue using its current herbicide program while rotating chemicals in future years to reduce resistance. Johnson stated that additional efforts include cattail management for roadway safety, new SpraySync technology, gravel pit inspections, and expanded vegetation management around County facilities. He noted that the County's chemical distribution center received a strong inspection report from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and that additional biocontrol beetles were ordered for local landowners. Johnson thanked County personnel for their dedication and support.

No other business was heard.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mark Splonskowski, Auditor/Treasurer Steve Bakken, Chairman