

**Hughes County Weed & Pest board meeting**  
**January 24, 2023, 1:30pm**  
**Hughes County Commissioners meeting room**

**Agenda:**

**2022 Business (Old)**

**County received \$12,000 in June, 2022 from State for weed grants, General and Contractual**

**Surplus Chemical sale, April 5, 2022, \$11,669.00**

**2022 Spring and Summer spraying                      Done by Dave Kusser**

Puncture vine done by May 14, 2022, 310 acres, 11 days spraying

Roads done July 10, 2022, 670 acres, 13 days spraying

Dave handled Weed Complaints needed

**Weed/rodent complaints**

8 thistles, 3 on RR property

2 Wormwood sage, Grey Goose area

3 prairie dog complaints. Filled a formal complaint with 1 land owner

10 Sandbur complaints were taken this fall.

**Organic farm**

Old Kickass ranch near the Pocket, about 1500 acres also for 2023 growing season.

Mapped no spray area, and will get a signed agreement to control weeds. Will update the map in 2023.

**Wormwood Sage problem**

Letter drafted and mailed September, 2021. 2<sup>nd</sup> letter mailed in March, 2022 to 42 contacts. Public meeting held in March, 2022. I spent ~71 hours with letters, meetings, contacting residents, and assisting with spraying.

**2023 Business (New)**

**State of SD Statues for County Weed & Pest boards**

**Currently Applied for \$8,500 Competitive Grant to control Wormwood sage control. This is a 50-50 grant. And a \$4,000 regular Contractual grant.**

**County Weed & Pest budget 2023**

**County miles under W&P control**

**Housing District controls**

**2023 Wormwood Sage plan**

**Chemical inventory current**

**County sprayer 4ft boom**

**2023 Chemical and application plan**

**Weed and Pest Commission Meeting and Supervisor's Training –**  
February 15, 16, 17, 2023, Crossroads Conference center, Huron, SD

**Pierre Farm & Home show booth, February 25, & 26, 2023, Ramkota INN, Pierre, SD**