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Plant Protection

# 2022 Management Plan

For Osborne

County

Robert Conway

, County Weed Director

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the coming year.

Since we are new we are basically trying to figure everything out. I would like to have a spray schedule figured out by the end of the year that allows us to track our progress. Getting together with the farmers and people of our county is the main goal. Letting them know we are here and want to help with their noxious weed situation.

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the next five years.

I would like add to our equipment. A side by side spray rig would help in areas where a large vehicle has trouble going. I would hope to have an annual calender set so that we know what we are going to do and when we are going to do it.

Describe the areas which noxious weed species are known to occur within the county and specific locations of new infestations and areas particularly susceptible to new infestations.

Field bindweed	it is most prevalent on roadsides throughout the county
Musk thistle	pastures pond dams and some roadsides
Sericea lespedeza	pastures
Johnsongrass	wet areas roadsides and in the area near the lake
Bur ragweed	
Canada thistle	pastures
Hoary cress	
Leafy spurge	
Quackgrass	
Kudzu	
Russian knapweed	

List any non-noxious invasive weed species you plan to control and the types of integrated weed control methods you plan on using on them.

phragmites is starting to be a larger problem we have sprayed last year with limited success. Have some new information from a district meeting in Beloit that may help. Need to spray the same mixture but you have to spray the plant from top to bottom. We will do that this year and see if it is more effective.

List your planned integrated weed management goals and procedures, including but not limited to biological control agent selection and distribution, pesticide selection and application and cultural and mechanical controls.

Biological Controls

We have one farmer that has used the weavels on his must thistle. He has done this on his own. He brought in a head to show us and they were present and had eaten the seeds. We are going to stay in contact with him to see how it progresses.

Chemical Controls

We will continue to spray Tordon, 2-4d amine and escort to control the bindweed, Also for the johnson grass we will use plateau glyphosate and escort to help with the control. Milestone and 2-4d will be used on the musk thistle

Cultural Controls

Mechanical Controls

Any musk thistle that gets to far along will need to be dug

Estimate the projected personnel, operations, and equipment costs of the proposed program.

Personnel costs	\$74675.00
Operations costs	\$123,305
Equipment costs	\$2000

List the methods you plan to use to encourage compliance and the enforcement actions you will take if necessary.

We will publish the General Notice. if we find that someone has a problem we will first contact them by phone or letter letting them know we are here to help them take care of the problem. If that is unsuccessful them we will send out an official warning letter.

List your plans for working with state and/or federal agencies to control the noxious weeds on state and/or federal lands.

We work closely with the local state department if there is a problem in the county they let us know where they saw it and when. They have been very easy to work with.

Describe your education and outreach plans for the coming year. Include training and professional development for yourself and your staff. (Attend District meetings? Annual Conference? Recertification?)

We will try to attend as many district meeting as possible. We also have attended the annual conference.

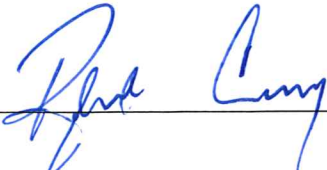
List the facilities and equipment available for use in managing the noxious weeds in your county, including a list of the equipment available for rent to the public and the rent you charge.

We have 4 Vehicles at this time.  
 1995 Ford F800 truck with 1500 gal tank  
 2014 Chevy with 300 gal tank. Main spray rig.  
 2000 Ford Pickup  
 2009 Ford Pickup with 300 gal tank and spry booms


Noxious Weed Department Employees

Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Robert Conway	Director	1	1
Troy Conway	Applicator	>1	1
Bridget Bolig	Secretary	>1	1

I certify that this is the official 2022 Management Plan of Osborne County

, County Weed Director 3/7/2022  
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