## RESOLUTION #22-2009 NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS NOXIOUS WEEDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Page County, lowa, that in accord with the provision of Section 317.14 Code of Iowa 2009, it is hereby ordered: That all noxious weeds shall be destroyed in the manner set forth below:

Canada thistle, sow thistle, quack grass and European bind weed, shall be destroyed in a manner which will kill the root stalks as well as by cutting the plants before they are in bloom and before seed has developed sufficiently so that they will not germinate when dry. Weeds, as specified by the Code, are:

- 1. PRIMARY NOXIOUS WEEDS: quack grass, perennial sow thistle, Canada thistle, bull thistle, European morning glory or field bindweed, horse nettle, leafy spurge, perennial pepper-grass, Russian knapweed, buckthorn, and all other species of thistles, shall be controlled.
- 2. SECONDARY NOXIOUS WEEDS: butterprint annual, cocklebur annual, wild mustard annual, wild carrot biennial, buckhorn perennial, sheep sorrel perennial, sour dock perennial, smooth dock perennial, poison hemlock, multiflora rose, wild sunflower annual, puncture vine annual, teasel biennial, and shattercane annual, shall be controlled.
- 3. This resolution shall also pertain to all state and primary roads and railroad right of way.

If the owner or person in control of any real estate fails to comply with the foregoing order, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, shall be taxed against the real estate on which the noxious weeds are destroyed.

The County Auditor is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order to be published once in each of the official newspapers of the County.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2009.

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Page County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Page County Auditor

## 2009 Weed Commissioners Report for Page County

11-20-2009

By

## Rick L. Dailey – Page County Weed Commissioner

This is my annual report written each year for the State of Iowa and Page County Board of Supervisors. This report is to present information on the noxious weed situation in Page County. A copy of this report will also be sent to the state office.

This year I responded to a lesser number of complaints as compared to the last several years. I sent out 6 letters of non-compliance (compared to 13 in 2008, 16 in 2007, and 19 in 2006). One of the six letters was mailed to a first time offender since I have become weed commissioner. I talked to approximately 5 individuals about weed problems that were taken care of without further problems.

Musk Thistles, Canadian Thistles, Sunflowers, Tall Thistle, and Bindweed are noxious weeds that were reported by myself, or a complaint given to me. Musk Thistle and Canadian Thistle were the most common and most complained about. Teasel was first discovered in the county three years ago and these areas have been reduced in size and are currently being managed. Townships in which I had weed complaints were Colfax, Amity, Fremont, Tarkio, Douglas and Harlan.

In closing, I would like to comment that I try very hard to get problems identified early in the season. Watch repeat offenders very closely, and get compliance letters out as soon as possible before weeds become a big problem. I believe that the earlier I get notification out to offenders and the earlier I take care of a problem then the better chance the landowner/renter has at succeeding in taking care of the problem and the more time I have to spray my own weeds in the critical time of the year. Overall, I feel the weed problem has improved greatly over the past 10 years.

Thank you,

Rick L. Dailey

Page County Weed Commissioner