GRAND FORKS COMMISSION MEETING with the WEED BOARD January 17, 2012 – 3:00 P.M.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Grand Forks Commissioners Schmisek, Pic, Murphy, Knauf and Malm present. The Weed Board members in attendance were Robert Leake and Greg McMahon, and Joel Anderson, Weed Board Officer.

Chairman Schmisek called the meeting to order.

Peter Welte, States Attorney, reminded the Commission about the modification to our mowing program. The mowing program that is in place right now, for the control of noxious weeds, throughout the County is a bifurcated mowing program. Weeds must be mowed by July 1st, by County ordinance. The Weed Board publishes a notice and the Weed Board will mow noncompliant property in mid-July. A special of \$150 per half mile will be added to the property for the mowing. The second mowing date is October 1st, per NDCC. The October 1st mowing date has been used for the last 10 years and the July 1st date was added after the 2011 Legislature modified NDCC 63-05-01.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to continue with the current policy of mowing weeds by July 1st and October 1st, according to NDCC 63-05-01. Motion carried.

Robert Leake, Weed Board Chairman, addressed the board.

Moved by Malm, seconded by Pic, to have the Chairman send a letter of appreciation to the Weed Board for the fine job they have been doing. Motion carried.

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Pic, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:13pm.

	John Schmisek, Chairman Grand Forks County Commission
Debbie Nelson, County Auditor	