

WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION LOBBYIST POSITION

The ND Weed Control Association board of directors is actively seeking a lobbyist for the 2019 session and hopefully beyond. I have been honored to be that person since the 1997 session. I actually testified a couple of times during the 1995 session. That's 12 sessions of legislative work. I told the board at the March meeting, that it is time to train in someone new. I am not getting any younger, and I really want the trust we have with the legislature to continue. I am willing to train in the new person, or also am willing to step aside completely on the lobbyist position, whatever is best for the association. Below is a description of a weed association lobbyist.

- Monitor bills pertaining to weed control. This also can be tax bills, century code changes, ag bills, etc..
- Testify for the Ag Department budget. Sometimes working with legislators one on one can be more effective with the budget.
- Attend NDWCA board meetings. The lobbyist is a non voting member of the board. This gives you a finger on the pulse of the assoc.
- Work with the NDDA. Their knowledge on the current daily news of the legislature during the session is enormous.
- Find legislators to sponsor bills for the NDWCA, and also line up those to testify, for or against a bill, if necessary.
- Talk to legislators, to let them know who you are and represent, and to show them that you are there, interested in their work as well.
- Work with other groups when needed. Sometimes you may have to stand against them on a certain bill, but never hold a grudge to them, as it is their job as well. Leave it up to the legislators to decide a bill, just nudge them along if needed.
- Write testimony on a bill, when needed. Work with the current legislative committee of the NDWCA.
- Give quarterly reports the board, and an annual report at the NDWCA annual business meeting

If you are interested, feel free to contact Merlin Leithold at (701)527-6544, e-mail at ndwca@westriv.com or Katie Clyde, association president at (701)218-0113, e-mail at bcweed09@live.com, for more information. Also, you would need to attend the June board meeting on June 26 at the Ramada in Bismarck, to meet with the board to be interviewed and hired. Contact Merlin for a time.