



Dickinson County Conservation Board
Roadside Vegetation Management
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DICKINSON COUNTY IRVM

HARVESTING AND MOWING PERMIT APPLICATION

(Includes harvesting hay or other plant material or mowing within the primary highway right-of-way)

Applicant Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Locations requesting to mow or harvest within county highway and secondary rights-of-ways

Hwy/Road _____ Side (N,S,E,W) _____
Between _____ and _____

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Between _____ and _____

Hwy/Road _____ Side (N,S,E,W) _____
Between _____ and _____

Owner, renter, or manager of abutting land

Yes ___ No ___

Yes ___ No ___

Yes ___ No ___

Yes ___ No ___

Iowa law prohibits haying of roadsides prior to July 15

Type of Operation (Check all that apply)

___ Mow ___ Harvest Hay (___ large bales; ___ small bales)

___ Harvest plant material other than hay (___ with machinery; ___ by hand or with hand tools)
___ seeds; ___ fruit or berries; ___ nuts; ___ flowers; ___ dried plants
___ cattail tubers; ___ live woody material; ___ other

List species and harvest period:

Agreements

Failure to abide by any stipulation may result in immediate revocation of the permit or denial of future permits. The applicant agrees that if granted a permit to do above work described, the following stipulations shall govern.

1. The county may restrict any operations, including those that affect the health of the vegetation. Mowing of newly seeded areas that are not fully established shall not be permitted.
2. Mowing height shall be set so remaining cut stubble height is at least 6 inches.
3. The hay harvest period shall be as specified below. To request other periods, attach a description and purpose.
 - a. July 15 – Sept 1 for cool season grasses and forage legumes (E.g., brome, tall fescue, alfalfa)
 - b. Sept 15 – Oct 15 for area containing warm season native grasses (e.g., big bluestem, indiagrass, little bluestem)
4. All work in the right-of-way shall be performed between the hours of 30 minutes after sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset.
5. Operations on roads shall not be allowed within 15 feet from the edge of the travels way unless traffic control according to the Iowa DOT standards.
6. County owned fences shall not be cut for access to the right-of way.
7. The operation shall be completed in a professional manner and the area shall be left in a neat condition upon completion.
8. Overnight parking of equipment shall be confined to near the right-of-way line. In no case shall equipment be parked closer than 50 feet from the edge of the travel portion.
9. Bales or stacks of harvested grass shall not be stored closer than 30 feet from the near edge of the traveled way. All harvested materials shall be removed from the right-of-way within 7 days after being mowed. Harvested materials remaining after 7 days may be disposed of with the cost chargeable to the permit holder.
10. The applicant shall not engage in harvesting operations during periods when the resultant wheel ruts would cause possible drainage, erosion, or compaction problems. Costs of repair by the County of such operations will be recovered from the applicant.
11. The applicant agrees to pay the county for damages to the right-of-way resulting from mowing or harvesting, including but not limited to damage of fences, signs, landscape plantings, or other road features. Right-of-way markers and land monuments shall not be removed, altered or damaged.
12. This permit shall be subject to any laws now in effect or any laws that may be hereafter enacted and all applicable rules and regulations related to haying and feeding the hay to livestock.
13. The County makes no guarantee as to the quality and quantity of the hay, to the presence of toxic materials, or to the contaminants that may be contained in the hay or other plant material harvested, and herein assumes no responsibly to the applicant or users of hay or other plant material harvest from the right-of-way.
14. The applicant agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Dickinson County from any and all liability, loss, or damage that the County may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs, or judgements against it arising out of issuance of this permit or applicant's operations. The applicant acknowledges that all operations are at applicant's own risk.

15. Any hay, grass, seeds fruit or berries, nuts, plants, or flowers, dried plant, cattail tubers, live woody material, dead woody material or logs, or other plant material identified under "Type of Operation (check all that apply)" above and obtained under this permit application, is for the use of the applicant only. The applicant is not allowed to sell such items to the public or to any other individual or entity.

_____ We, the undersigned, are the owner or owners or designees (renters, property manager) of the property abutting the Hwy/road where the work is requested as described on page 1. We have read and agree to the stipulations of this permit.

_____ We, the undersigned, are NOT the owner or designed of the land abutting the Hwy/Road where the work is requested as described on page 1. However, we have contacted the abutting landowners or designees, and provide their signatures below or as attached statements to show they do not object to the activities requested in this permit. We have read and agree to the stipulations of this permit.

Applicant(s): _____ Date: _____

Relationship to abutting land: _____

Other Abutting Landowner or Designee Consent and Signature:

As an abutting landowner or designee to the proposed activity in the permit application, I do not object to the activities requested in this permit.

Location of abutting property in this permit;

_____ date: _____
Abutting Landowner or Designees (print name)

_____ Owner _____ Renter _____ Manager

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Applicant approved ___ Applicant Denied _____ Permit No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized CO. Representative Signature Date

Local Co contact person Phone Number

Greetings,

I'm writing to let you know of some changes happening within the county right-of-way along _____. As part of Dickinson County's Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) program, we are developing functional roadsides that provide for erosion reduction, increased water infiltration, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic appeal. Those functions are achieved by restoring sections of the right-of-way to native prairie plant communities to produce a cost-effective, environmentally sound management alternative for roadsides.

Weather and time permitting, sections of your road will be undergoing a prairie restoration process beginning either fall of 20** or spring of 20**. Sections were selected based upon their ease of access and feasibility of restoration. Areas adjacent to homes will be avoided unless it is the desire of the landowner for that area to be restored as well. If you mow the right-of-way in front of your home and would like it planted to prairie to reduce maintenance, please feel free to contact me.

Guidelines to abutting landowners-

If you have been mowing (lawn mowing) the ROW over the past multiple years those areas will be left for the abutting land owners to continue to maintain.

Along with that, a mowing permit needs to be filled out and submitted to the designated representative of the program if it is over 100 yards in distance. (There is no cost for a permit, and is on the county's website)

If you have been haying the ROWs over the past multiple years, that will be dealt with on a case by case basis dealing with those haying permits individually. Please fill out the haying permit & I will reach out to you. (There is no cost for a permit, and is on the county's website)

The complete restoration process will take up to 3 years. Sections will be burned off or mowed, then followed by herbicide applications and reseeding. These sections will also be mowed for the first growing season to ensure adequate sunlight reaches the perennial prairie seedlings. Due to maintenance requirements, any haying occurring within the right-of-way may need to be paused to allow native prairie plants time to establish.

This process is in accordance with the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program approved by the county Board of Supervisors and Conservation Board with the backing of the County Engineer.

Thank you for your time. Feel free to contact me with questions.

Regards,

Douglas Todey, IRVM Manager

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