

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
August 13, 2018

The Cass County Weed Board has cancelled their August 13, 2018 meeting due to lack of business. The Weed Board will hold its next meeting as scheduled on September 10, 2018 at 8 am.

For information on any of the agenda items or the need for special accommodations contact: Stan Wolf, 701-298-2388, wolfs@casscountynd.gov

Weed Control Progress Report

August 6, 2018

Period from July 9 to August 6, 2018

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

No new business

Monthly Report

2019 Proposed Budget Presentation: The Weed Board 2019 proposed budget was presented to the County Commission on July 26. The Commission approved the 2019 proposed budget as presented, no modifications. Included in the budget was \$6000 for increasing the secure chemical storage area and increasing the spraying budget \$50,000 to a total of \$390,000. This increase will require Weed Control to monitor the expected carryover reserves so as not to deplete the reserves but will allow the Weed Board to control weed infestations that come up unexpectedly. Enclosed is a spreadsheet given to the Commission outlining our historical spraying expenses and proposed spraying expenditures over years.

One-Ton Truck: The one-ton was delivered and taken over to Bert's Truck Equipment to have the truck bed, tool boxes and water tank installed. Running boards and mud flaps were installed by Line X. Truck setup is complete.

The 2004 ¾ ton pickup will be auctioned on PublicSurplus.com this week.

Sprayed areas along Co 17 and Co 6 north of Horace. Sent out letters to landowners regarding weeds on property.

Been using the drone to scout for weeds on various properties and CRP acres.

Sprayed gravel pile at Gardner for Cass Co Highway Dept.

Diversion weeds: Received copy of letter from Diversion Authority to County Commission regarding weed control at diversion inlet south of Horace. Annual field weeds were uncontrolled in an area between Cass Co 17 and a farmers field. Diversion Authority mowed the weeds.

Office flood: On Friday, August 20 a minor flood occurred in the Weed Control building. A vector control employee used our tank fill hose to fill a water tank and abruptly shut off the valve. This caused a water hammer which popped open the pressure relief valve on the water heater. This occurred when we were out of the office. When we returned about ½ hour later water had flowed out into the conference area and into the office, wetting the carpet. A rug shampooer was

rented which sucked up the water in the carpet. Vector control purchased a dehumidifier to help dry the building. Vector also assisted in removing the office files to expose the carpet. By Saturday noon the carpet was dry and no damage to furniture was seen. County maintainance staff plumbed the pressure relief valve to drain into the shower which will prevent another flood event. A sign was also placed by the outside water hose valve stating: Please shut valve slowly.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Area 2 meeting
NDWCA annual conference

October 22, Valley City
January 8-10, 2019, Bismarck