

Cass County Weed Control Board  
Cass County Weed Control Office  
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo  
September 10, 2018

8:00 AM Meeting called to order  
Roll call of the members  
Approve minutes of previous meeting  
Approve order of agenda

Agenda

1. Budget Report
  - a. Monthly Financial Statements Information/action
  - b. Approval of bills Information/action
  
2. New Business
  - a. Pickup Sale Information/action
  
  - b. Other
  
3. Monthly Progress Report Information
  
4. Upcoming events Information

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## Weed Control Progress Report

September 4, 2018

Period from August 13 to Sept 4, 2018

submitted by Stan Wolf

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### New Business:

**Pickup truck sale:** Cass County Weed Control has recently purchased and set up a one-ton truck to haul water and pull the trailer with the UTV sprayers. The ¾-ton pickup that was replaced by the one-ton truck is no longer needed and can be sold. Valley Water Rescue, a regional volunteer rescue operation, is in need of a pickup to pull their boat and equipment trailer. Cass County Commission has expressed interest in purchasing the pickup for Valley Water Rescue. In previous Weed Board meetings, there was a consensus to approve such a sale, provided it would be a legal sale. There was also consensus that this would be a good use of the public's property and the sale amount would be \$13,000. The Cass County State's Attorney's office has researched the possible sale directly to the County Commission and determined that the law would allow such a sale. Attached is the State's Attorney's opinion.

*Proposed motion: Move to approve the sale of the ¾-ton pickup to the County Commission for \$13,000.*

### Monthly Report

**Contractor Spraying:** The contractors will be starting their fall spray program in September. The goal will be to cover all of the county and township roads. To date a total of 3158 acres have been covered costing \$123,401.00.

**Canada thistle stem mining weevil:** The US Fish and Wildlife Service released several containers of Canada thistle stem mining weevils in the Wildlife Management Areas near Alice. One container of CT stem mining weevils was given to Cass County Weed Control in return for future releases of Canada thistle rust in the WMA's. Cass County Weed Control released the CT stem mining weevils in a CRP pollinator planting on Lynn Overoes' property north of Kindred.

**Poster:** The Cass County Extension office assisted in developing a poster in a similar format as the floor display. The poster highlights the responsibilities and services provided by Weed Control. The poster is being posted on community bulletin boards across the county.

**Weed Scouting:** Mr. Wolf has been scouting the abandoned gravel pits for noxious weed infestations. The drone has been used to scout several pits that did not have easy access as the pit locations have been in the middle of a cropped field.

**Press release:** A press release was put out informing the public that the contractors will be spraying county and township road ditches this fall.

**TAG grant:** Our application for the Targeted Assistance Grant for \$5000 has been approved and the monies have been received. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture makes grant monies available for equipment and materials to weed boards for controlling noxious weeds through the TAG grant program. Expenses applied to the grant were: drone, water tank, one-ton truck.

**Upcoming Events:**

NDWCA Area 2 meeting  
NDWCA annual conference

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