

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, July 13, 2020

Please note the time change and additional agenda items

9:30 AM Meeting called to order
Roll call of the members
Approve minutes of previous meeting
Approve order of agenda

Agenda

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| 1. Budget Report | |
| a. Monthly Financial Statements | Information/action |
| b. Approval of bills | Information/action |
| 2. New Business | |
| a. 2021 Proposed Budget | Information/action |
| b. Home Rule Charter | Information |
| c. Board Member Recognition | Information |
| d. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

Note: The conference room will be arranged to provide appropriate distancing between participants.

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

July 6, 2020

Period from June 8 to July 6, 2020

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

2021 Proposed Budget: The proposed 2021 budget is to be submitted to the county Finance Office by July 15, 2020. Overall expenses are not expected to change save for a few to reflect inflation. No equipment purchases or replacements are expected. I have enclosed is the 2021 proposed budget draft for your review.

We are still gathering information regarding future weed control revenues at various mill levy rates to determine if any mill levy changes are needed to maintain dedicated cash reserves. That information will be available at the meeting.

Also enclosed is the list of equipment showing purchase date, current mileage, expected replacement date, and average miles per year. Please review and offer comments at the June meeting.

Monthly Report:

TAG grant reimbursement: The Targeted Assistance Grant program, administered by the North Dakota Department of Agriculture, provides a reimbursement up to \$5000.00 covering 75% of approved expenses. Last month an application for reimbursement was received in the amount of \$3,350.72. An additional application was sent in and the remaining \$1,649.28 was received which complete the maximum reimbursement of \$5000.00 for the current biennium.

Board member expired terms: The board member seat for the Northeast section of Cass County is still open.

Spraying Activities:

Contractor right-of-way spraying: The contractors starting spraying on June 21 in the I 29 median and road ditches. Several county highways were also sprayed. Weather conditions have hampered spraying activities, namely wind and high temperatures. To date 775 acres have been sprayed totaling \$28023.20.

Weed Control staff spraying has also been limited. About three miles of the Horace Diversion has been sprayed where homeowner complaints have been received regarding Canada thistle on the diversion property.

Leafy spurge flea beetles are emerging with good numbers of flea beetles emerging. Collections have been made on ND Fish and Game land around Brewer Lake. The Cass County Ag Alert Extension newsletter and a press release announced that we were collecting flea beetles. To date 17 collections have been distributed to landowners and on several infested areas in southwest Cass County. We will continue to collect and distribute flea beetles.

Several letters have been sent out to landowners regarding noxious weed infestations, mostly Leafy spurge and Canada thistle.

A formal complaint regarding noxious weeds in a residential yard in Page has been received and investigated. A large patch of Canada thistle was found in the back yard of the property. A notice if infestation has been mailed to the owner, no further action has been undertaken to date.

Other activities:

Upcoming Events:

Project Safe Send collection

July 23, Valley City