

Cass County Weed Control Board  
Cass County Weed Control Office  
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo  
Monday, November 8, 2021

9:00 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. Landowner Assistance Information/action
  - b. NDWCA Conference Information/action
  - c. Certified Crop Advisor Information/action
  - d. Employee Evaluation Information/action
  - e. Palmer amaranth Plan Information/action
  - f. Other
  
3. Monthly Progress Report Information
  
4. Upcoming events Information

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## Weed Control Progress Report

November 2, 2021

Period from October 11 to November 2, 2021

submitted by Stan Wolf

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### **New Business:**

**Landowner Assistance:** The Landowner Assistance Program provides a partial reimbursement for noxious weed control on non-crop and non-CRP lands to landowners/operators in Cass County. The reimbursement rate is 80% of approved herbicides plus \$3.50/acre for application. Nine county landowners/operators submitted applications for controlling noxious weeds on 496 acres. The total of all reimbursements is \$6,603.48.

*Proposed motion: Move to approve the nine Landowner Assistance Payments for a total amount of \$6,603.48.*

**NDWCA Conference:** The NDWCA's annual conference is scheduled to be held on January 4 to 7, 2022 in Bismarck. The Ag Commissioner's Weed Forum on January 5 will cover noxious weed topics and programs provided by the ND Dept. of Agriculture. The NDWCA conference will include its annual business meeting along with various speakers covering numerous topics related to noxious weed control. Conference registration is \$150.00 for early registration. Motel room is \$84.60/night. A copy of the registration is enclosed.

*Proposed motion: Move to approve registration, travel, and motel expenses to attend Ag Commissioners Weed Forum and NDWCA conference for weed officer and board members.*

**NDWCA membership:** Membership in the NDWCA will expire after the annual conference. Membership affords voting rights for NDWCA business, one vote for each member. Membership renewal is \$275.00.

*Proposed motion: Move to approve NDWCA membership renewal and assign a person as voting member.*

**Benefit Auction:** The Education Committee will hold a benefit auction with proceeds going to education expenses such as the spring sprayer schools for weed officers and sprayer staff. Attendees are asked to contribute items for the auction. The board has approved funds to purchase items for the auction in previous years.

*Proposed motion: Move to approve up to \$75.00 to purchase items for the NDWCA Education Committee auction.*

**Certified Crop Advisor:** Mr. Wolf's American Society of Agronomy's Certified Crop Advisor registration is up for renewal. NDSU Extension provides training sessions and continuing education credit hours, usually at no cost, which are credited toward the CCA. The board has previously paid for the certification renewals and registration expenses for day long workshops. Daylong workshops include the Wide World of Weeds Workshop and the Soil and Soil/Water workshops. Registration costs for these two workshops are unknown at this time but have run about \$100.00 each. The CCA renewal cost is \$110.00.

*Proposed motion: Move to approve \$110.00 to renew Mr. Wolf's Certified Crop Advisor certification and upcoming registration expenses for day long workshops.*

**Employee Evaluation:** Mr. Wolf's annual performance review is due. A copy of last year's review and performance objectives are enclosed for your reference.

*Action: Review and complete employee evaluation.*

**Palmer Amaranth Plan:** New infestations of Palmer amaranth have been found in the state as noted at last month's board meeting. Enclosed is an article published in AgWeek describing the current situation with sunflower screenings. The NDWCA is asking county weed boards if they have an action plan if Palmer amaranth is found in their county. The Association would like to receive the plans for a discussion at the conference.

*Discussion: What if any types of aid could be offered?*

### **Monthly Report:**

**Chemical Supplies and Pricing for 2022:** The stock of herbicides in storage were inventoried and supplies will cover most of the anticipated spraying needs for 2022. A small quantity of several herbicides were ordered to fulfill proposed weed control needs for 2022 to beat expected price increases and to ensure supplies are on hand. The total expenditure of additional herbicides came to \$3545.50.

Spray equipment have been serviced and winterized. Three new tires were installed on the trailer and two front tires were installed on the Kubota.

**Reminder:** Contractor spray contracts will need to be renewed prior to the spraying season for 2022-2023.

**Upcoming Events:**

Wahpeton Expansion Pipeline Project	Nov 16, Kindred
Northern Ag Expo	Nov 30 – Dec 1, Fargo
Commercial Pesticide applicator recert	Dec 1, Fargo
NDWCA Conference	January 5-7, 2022, Bismarck
Wide World of Weeds Workshop	TBA, Fargo
Soil and Soil/Water Workshop	TBA, Fargo