

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, April 11, 2022

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. Bio-control Agents Information/action
 - b. Pickup accessories Information/action

 - c. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

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

April 4, 2022

Period from March 14 to April 4, 2022

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

Bio-control Agents: Cass County Weed Control has collected Leafy spurge flea beetles and distributed them to landowners every year since the LS flea beetles were available. The LS flea beetles have been very successful in most areas where introduced and landowners are still interested in acquiring LS flea beetles. Weed Control will continue to collect LS flea beetles and provide to landowners free of charge.

Weed Control has purchased Canada thistle stem mining weevils for several years and distributed them in several areas within the county. Weed Control is planning to scout the introduction sites for evidence of establishment. Establishment of CT stem mining weevils has been variable in North Dakota, usually taking several years to determine effectiveness. Weed Control will closely monitor the release sites this summer to determine establishment of CT stem mining weevils.

Spotted hemlock defoliating moths were purchased in 2021 and released in several Spotted hemlock infestations. This summer the release sites will be monitored to determine establishment rates.

CT stem mining weevils and S hemlock defoliation moths are again available from Integrated Weed Control of Bozeman MT. Weed control staff recommend purchasing 10 collections of CT stem mining weevils and 3 collections of S hemlock defoliating moth to be released within the county. The proposed costs are.

<u>Bio-control</u>	<u>Quantity per release</u>	<u>Price per release</u>	<u>Quantity purchase</u>	<u>Total</u>
CT stem mining weevils	105	\$175.00	10	\$1750
S hemlock defoliating moth	150	\$150.00	4	<u>\$ 660</u>
Total				\$2350

Proposed motion: Move to purchase 10 Canada thistle stem mining weevil releases and 4 Spotted hemlock defoliating moths releases for a total of \$2350.00 plus shipping costs.

Pickup accessories: The 2022 Ford F-150 pickup was delivered on March 24 in good shape. Additional accessories are requested to outfit the pickup to provide proper and secure storage of field equipment. The requested equipment from Radco is listed below.

Front and rear mud flaps	\$ 71.92
Under rear seat storage unit	\$ 180.95
Front floor liner	\$ 98.96
Tonneau box cover	\$ 477.95
Install of Tonneau cover	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total	\$ 879.78

Proposed Motion: Move to purchase requested accessories for 2022 F-150 pickup as listed for \$879.78.

Monthly Report:

Correspondence: Received an email from a township supervisor asking for clarification regarding Spotted hemlock, was it found in Clifton Township. Replied that none was found in Clifton Township when we scouted but that does not mean it is not present. He thanked us for the communication and information that is sent out every year.

NDWCA Board Meeting: June is Invasive Species Awareness month. The Association is planning on developing several talking points to be issued to weed officers who will then forward on as press releases to local media. Hopefully, media outlets will then contact the weed officer for an interview.

The NDWCA is planning on holding a Weed Symposium August 23-25, 2022 at the Washburn Campground. The training would include weed identification, control measures, equipment, and communication. The event will be open to weed officers, weed spray staff, and other agency personnel conducting noxious and troublesome weed control efforts.

Upcoming Events:

Township Officers Meeting	April 7, Casselton
Dale Carnegie Training	May 18, Fargo
Sprayer School	May 24, Carrington
NDWCA Board meeting	June 28, Bismarck

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September 27, Bismarck