# Cass County Weed Control Board Cass County Weed Control Office 1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo Monday, May 13, 2024

9:00 AM Meeting called to order.

Roll call of the members

Approve minutes of previous meeting

Approve order of agenda

### <u>Agenda</u>

Budget Report

a. Monthly Financial Statementsb. Approval of billsInformation/action

2. New Business

a. NDWCA Sprayer School
 b. NDWCA Summer Symposium
 c. Leafy Spurge Flea Beetle Collection
 d. 2025 Budget
 Information/action
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e. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

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Period from April 8, to May 13, 2024,

submitted by Stan Wolf

#### **New Business:**

**NDWCA Sprayer School:** The NDWCA conducts several sprayer schools for county weed control staff and other interested persons in the spring at several locations. Topics include R-O-W recertification and updates, NDSU Pesticide Training, Noxious Weeds programs, NDDA, Basic First Aid, weed id, and sprayer calibration. Training will be held at Carrington Research Center on Wednesday, May 29.

Proposed Motion: Move to have weed control staff attend the NDWCA sprayer school at Carrington on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

**NDWCA Summer Symposium:** The North Dakota Weed Control Association will be sponsoring the Northern Plains Weed Management Symposium on August 20-22, 2024, at the North Dakota 4-H Camp at Washburn, ND. The topics covered will include a Noxious Weed Update from the NDDA, live weed identification, drone sprayers and data collection, Ventenata grass weed identification and control, and other topics. Registration is \$300.00.

Proposed Motion: Move to approve \$300.00 registration and travel costs for weed officer to attend the Northern Plains Weed Management Symposium.

Leafy spurge flea beetle collection: Grant County holds an annual Leafy spurge flea beetle collection and distribution. Landowners, county weed officers, and agency personnel attend to collect and take-home flea beetles. The collection is conducted on the Boy Scout property on Lake Tschida near Elgin. The site hosted flea beetle collections for more than 25 years and draws up to 100 participants. The event is usually held in late June, depending on flea beetle emergence.

Proposed Motion: Move to allow weed officer and staff to travel to Grant County for Leafy spurge flea beetle collection.

**2025 Budget:** The 2025 budget will need to be developed and turned into the Finance Office in July 2024.

Discussion on upcoming budget needs.

## **Monthly Report:**

**NDSU Noxious Weed Research Specialist Update:** Mr. Wolf is on the selection committee for the NDSU Noxious Research Specialist position. Several candidates have been interviewed and screened for on campus interviews. On campus interviews are scheduled for the weeks of May 27-31, and June 3-7, 2024.

**Seasonal field aid position posting.** Several applications have been received. Mr. Wolf and Mr. Aasand are reviewing the applications.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Cass Co Weed Board meeting
NDWCA Sprayer School
Cass Co Weed Board meeting
NDWCA Board Meeting
Northern Plains Weed Management Symposium

May 13, West Fargo May 25, Carrington June 10, West Fargo June 25, Mandan August 20-22, Washburn