

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
July 10, 2017

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. 2018 proposed budget Information/action
 - b. 2018 Mill Levy Information/action
 - c. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

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Weed Control Progress Report

June 30, 2017

Period from June 10 to June 30, 2017

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business

2018 Proposed Budget: The 2018 proposed budget needs to be submitted to the Auditor's office by July 15, presentation to the County Commission on July 27 at 8 am. A copy of the 2018 proposed budget is enclosed for your review. In summary, the operating budget will remain flat with slight increases for inflation for salary and benefits. New equipment recommendations are as follows:

\$ 8,000 - overhead door installed in present vehicle building
\$33,000 - one ton dual wheel pickup
\$ 7,000 – 8' bed with storage boxes for new pickup
\$ 1,500 – 400-gallon water tank (replace current 300 gal tank)
\$ 3,500 – UAV drone
Total \$53,000 – new equipment

This is an increase of 4.2% in operating expenses not counting the equipment expenses listed above. The final numbers could change due to payroll and benefits changes and IT equipment additions.

One thought to consider would be to cost share Leafy spurge flea beetle sweep nets. We could make sweep nets available at a reduced cost to interested county residents with funds coming from the Landowner Assistance line item.

Suggested motion: Move to accept the proposed 2018 Weed Control budget for presentation to the Cass County Commission.

2018 Proposed Mill Levy: Last month the Auditor's office presented information regarding the revenues comparing the current 1.45 mill levy with several reduced mill levees. It is the recommendation of the Auditor's office to reduce the mill levy to 1.4 mills.

Suggested motion: Move to recommend to the County Commission to reduce the Weed Control Mill Levy from 1.45 mills to 1.4 mills.

Monthly Report

Spray Contractors: J & J Spraying has started spraying the I 94 right of way on June 20. To date they have covered most of I94 covering 800 acres. Walker's Lawncare also started on June 20 covering 350 acres working on Highway 38, Co 26, 34, and 2.
Total costs to date \$41,834.00

Weed Control projects completed: Collected Leafy spurge flea beetles and distributed to three landowners and placed flea beetles on seven additional sites. Attended the Stutsman County Flea beetle field day and brought back four containers of beetles.

Sprayed several county flood lots and part of the Sheyenne Diversion.

Worked with the Diversion Authority to control weeds growing on crop field areas that are now in the construction zones. Recommendation is to plant cover crops to suppress cropland weeds.

Upcoming Events:

FEMA Flood Lot Committee	July 17, Fargo
Operation Safe Send	July 26, Valley City
Weed Control Budget Hearing	July 27, Fargo
FEMA Flood Lot Committee	August 21, Fargo
FEMA Flood Lot Committee	September 18, Fargo
NDWCA board meeting	September 26, Bismarck
FEMA Flood Lot Committee	October 16, Fargo
NDWCA Area 2 meeting	October 25, Valley City