

Cass County Weed Control Board  
Cass County Weed Control Office  
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo  
June 12, 2017

8:00 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. 2018 proposed budget         | Information/action |
| b. Other                        |                    |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report      | Information        |
| 4. Upcoming events              | Information        |

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## Weed Control Progress Report

June 5, 2017

Period from May 8 to June 5, 2017

submitted by Stan Wolf

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### New Business

**2018 Proposed Budget:** The 2018 proposed budget will need to be submitted to the Auditor's office by July 15, 2017. Enclosed is a preliminary expense budget for our day to day operations, less salary and benefits, and revenues. These figures will be entered by the Auditor's office. Contractor spraying has been increased 4.6% to \$340,000 to account for inflation and provide for additional acreage to be sprayed.

Equipment additions include the following:

- \$30,500 for replacement of 3/4 ton pickup
- \$ 8,000 for new overhead door on vehicle building
- \$ 3,500 for UAV drone and training

All other expenses are kept flat.

We will be able to review the proposed budget at the July board meeting on Monday, July 10.

### Monthly Report

**Spray Contractors:** Spray contractors have been contracted and will be starting shortly, waiting for the Canada thistle to get above the grass canopy. The program will be the same as last year. I did inform them that the new dicamba tolerant soybeans are being planted this year and there may be some heightened awareness of drift damage on conventional soybeans. We need to be sure that we are very diligent in spraying in proper conditions and to make sure the documentation is proper.

The roadside spray notice and ditch haying notice have been sent to the media. We have received several calls requesting that certain road ditches not be sprayed until after the hay crop has been harvested.

**WBI Energy – Valley Expansion Project:** WBI Energy Transmission has sent correspondence stating that they have filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for an application to construct, install, operate and maintain natural gas transmission facilities in Cass County. The letter was to notice landowners, local, state and federal government entities identified as stakeholders. A 16 inch pipeline is proposed to connect to an existing pipeline near Mapleton and connect to a pipeline near Felton MN. Included in this pipeline will be a 3000 hp compressor near Mapleton. We are monitoring the development of the project.

**Equipment upgrades and repairs:** Replaced spray pump on Kubota. Two tires were replaced on trailer, adjusted trailer brakes, added lift spring to ramp. Tires on ¾ pickup were replaced.

**Weed Control completed:** Sprayed flood lots in Forest River area and north of West Fargo, Brewer Lake Campground, and county jail.

**County FEMA Flood Lots Committee:** I have been asked to participate in a committee to develop policies and standard practices for managing the various county flood buyout properties. Our first meeting is on June 19.

**Sprayer School:** Jeff Greive and I attended the Carrington Sprayer School on May 23. One item of interest was permethrin impregnated clothing to repel ticks and other biting insects.

**Upcoming Events:**

County FEMA Flood Lot Committee  
Stutsman Flea Beetle Day  
NDWCA board meeting

June 19, Fargo  
June 21, Jamestown  
June 27, Bismarck