Cass County Weed Control Board Cass County Weed Control Office 1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo January 8, 2018

10:00 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 Statements
 b. Approval of bills
- 2. New Business
 - a. Election of officers
 - b. NDWAN contribution
 - c. Houndstongue Questionnaire
 - d. One Ton Pickup Truck
 - e. Other
- 3. Monthly Progress Report
- 4. Upcoming events

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Weed Control Progress Report

January 2, 2018

Period from Dec 11, 21017 to Jan 2, 2018

New Business:

Election of Officers: The chair and vice chair officers are elected for a one-year term; election of officers is required at the start of the year.

Action: Hold election of officers.

NDWAN: The North Dakota agricultural Weather Network operates remote weather monitoring stations and provides up to the minute weather conditions via web connection. The contract sprayers and Weed Control staff utilize the stations within Cass County to determine weather conditions before and during spraying operations. In previous years the Weed Board has granted \$500 to NDWAN to help cover the costs of operating the remote weather stations.

Proposed Motion: Approve a \$500 sponsorship grant to NDWAN in Cass County.

Houndstongue Questionnaire: The North Dakota Department of Agriculture sent out a questionnaire seeking opinions regarding Houndstongue. All county and city weed boards received the questionnaire wanting to know if Houndstongue is present in their district and how they are responding to the weed. The ND Weed Control Association has a resolution up for a vote to have the NDDA add Houndstongue to the state noxious weed list. Ten counties currently have Houndstongue on their county weed lists.

Action: Review questionnaire.

One-Ton Pickup truck: Bids were solicited from three local dealerships, Ford, GMC, and Dodge Ram, for a one-ton pickup truck similarly equipped to the North Dakota state bid specifications.

Action: Review bids and select pickup truck and truck bed to order.

Monthly Report

Worked on finalizing township spray maps and gravel pit scouting in 2018. Ordered weed identification books for door prizes at ND Winter Show and assisted NDWCA in conference presentations. Attended Sheriff's office Critical Incident Training - Active Shooter Response.

submitted by Stan Wolf

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Conference Wild World of Weeds Soil and Water Workshop Corn-Soy Expo North Dakota Winter Show January 9-11, Bismarck January 16, Fargo January 17, Fargo February, 13, Fargo March, 2-10, Valley City