

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
May 13, 2019

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. Palmer Amaranth Action Plan | Information/action |
| b. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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New Business:

Palmer Amaranth Action Plan: Palmer amaranth has been added to the North Dakota state noxious weed list. As required by the Noxious Weed Law all landowners and land operators are required to control noxious weeds on their lands. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture, NDSU Extension and the North Dakota Weed Control Association has distributed a proposed response protocol for Palmer amaranth. Using the proposed response protocol as a template, a Cass County Palmer Amaranth Action Plan has been drafted. The intent is to inform the public and provide a consistent response for suspected Palmer amaranth sites. Please review the attached Cass County Palmer Amaranth Action Plan and offer comments/suggestions for an approved action plan. Once an action plan has been approved, the County Commission will be updated on potential Palmer amaranth impact to county landowners and operators and the Palmer Amaranth Action Plan. The action plan will also be published and distributed to crop scouts, agronomy service/retailers, landowners/operators and the public.

Suggested Motion: Move to approve Cass County Palmer Amaranth Action Plan for publication.

Monthly Report

NDSU Spray Drone Trial: John Nowatzki, NDSU Ag and Biosystems Engineering, is testing an UAV spray drone. He has asked Cass Co Weed Control to assist in testing the unit when applying herbicides. The initial testing is planned to be conducted at the Casselton Agronomy Seed Farm with actual weed control spraying later this summer. Cass County Weed Control will provide noxious weed infestation sites where the UAV spray drone will be further tested.

Downy brome sites sprayed: Several sites have been sprayed for Downy brome with Plateau.

Noxious Weed List: The Commission secretary has published the Noxious Weed List as prescribed by law.

WSFF Joint Powers Agreement: The Weed Seed Free Joint Powers Agreement between the North Dakota Department of Agriculture and Cass County Weed Board has been signed Thomas H. Bodine, Deputy Ag Commissioner.

ND Pesticide Inspection: Kevin Coufal, ND Pesticide Inspector, stopped by on April 23 to check pesticide storage and spray records. All records and storage area passed inspection.

Palmer amaranth tour: August 12 to 15 has been set to tour Palmer amaranth sites in Nebraska. The University of Nebraska-North Platte Station will host the tour and a) show how data developed using the wind tunnel compliments pesticide registration and spray tip information and b) learn firsthand how Extension personnel. Ag-retailers, consultants and farmers in Nebraska are managing Palmer amaranth in corn and soybean production and pastures. Final numbers of participants has not been decided.

Ants: Ants were coming up through the floor around the water pipes; ant bait stations were placed in various locations in the building.

Upcoming Events:

Sprayer School
Project Safe Send
Nebraska Palmer amaranth tour

May 28, Carrington
July 26, Valley City
August 12-15