

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, January 13, 2020

10:00 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. Election of Officers | Action |
| b. Meeting Schedule | Information/action |
| c. ROW Spray Contract Renewal | Information/action |
| d. Spray Flags | Information/action |
| e. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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Weed Control Progress Report

January 6, 2020

Period from Nov 12 to Jan 6, 2020

submitted by Stan Wolf

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.

Meeting Schedule: The proposed 2020 meeting schedule is attached for your consideration. Please review to see if there will be any conflicts with your schedules.

Proposed Motion: Approve 2020 meeting schedule.

ROW Spray Contract Renewal: The contracts for spraying the road ditches has expired. A request for bids is planned to be sent out in early February with selection of bids in March. Proposed dates for opening the bids is March 2, 2020 at 1:00 PM, bid award at the regular board meeting on March 9, 2020.

Discussion on any changes to the contract language

Spray Flags: A number of the county owned flood buyout lots are located in residential areas. It is advisable to flag the herbicide application area so the public is aware that weed control products are being applied. The preferred type is a 21" wire flag with 4" x 5" printed flag, ~ \$150.00 for 1000 flags.

Proposed Motion: Move to purchase spray-warning flags.

Monthly Report

State Roads: A total of 1784 acres were sprayed in state highway and interstate right-of-way in 2019, costing \$68,744.24. ND DOT issued a reimbursement of \$50,000, the contracted amount. The acres sprayed and costs for each contractor and the 5-year average are:

	2019	
	acres	cost
J&J	1096	\$ 41,637.04
Walker	688	\$ 27,107.20
	1784	\$ 68,744.24
5 year	1874	\$ 69,533.00

Palmer amaranth Extension In-service: Mr. Wolf attended the NDSU Extension Palmer amaranth in-service for county extension staff and county weed officers. Topics covered were a comparison of the 2017 and 2019 Nebraska Palmer amaranth bus tours. Also covered was pigweed identification and management, herbicide mode and site of actions and spray tip selection.

The Palmer amaranth protocol was discussed; reporting a possible infestation, identification and sample selection for genetic verification. A final version of the protocol will be printed and sent out to all extension offices and weed control boards by early spring.

Noxious Weed Control Legacy Fund: The NDWCA is looking at changing the emphasis for the Noxious Weed Control Legacy Fund from research and development to providing funds for actual weed control projects. The association board will discuss this change in direction at the annual conference in Bismarck. Certain board members feel after talking with legislators that may be a better direction to get a dedicated fund for weed control.

Commissioner Portfolios: Commissioner Breitling has been assigned the Planning & Operation Services portfolio that includes Weed Control for 2020.

Cass-Clay Food Commission: The Cass-Clay Food Committee contacted the Weed Control Office regarding herbicide application on county owned flood buyout lots. The Commission is looking into developing community gardens and is concerned about herbicide application on and near the proposed garden sites. Mr. Wolf will meet with the Commission at a future date to coordinate programs.

NDWCA Conference: Summary of conference and Ag Commissioner's Weed Forum

Upcoming Events:

Northern Ag Expo	December 3-4, Fargo
Palmer ID Workshop	December 19, Carrington
NDWCA Annual Conference	January 7-9, Bismarck
Wild World of Weeds	January 21, Fargo
Soil/Soil Water Workshop	January 22, Fargo
Corn/Soy Expo	February 4, Fargo
Cass Co Pesticide Recertification	February 4, Fargo
Best of the Best Workshop	February 6, Moorhead
Cass Co Pesticide Recertification	February 25, Fargo
ND Winter Show	March 3-8, Valley City
Cass Co Pesticide Recertification	March 18, Fargo