

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, September 13, 2021

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. HVAC Bid | Information/action |
| b. DuraCor and Milestone Offer | Information/action |
| c. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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Weed Control Progress Report

Sept 7, 2021

Period from August 2 to Sept 7, 2021

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

HVAC Bid: Two contractors submitted bids to update the heating and air-conditioning for the weed control office.

Action: Discussion and possible acceptance of a bid.

DuraCor and Milestone Offer: Corteva has announced a special offer on DuraCor and Milestone herbicides. Both herbicides will be discounted with a minimum volume order. Both herbicides are general use (non-restricted) herbicides. The discount price is not offered through Ag retailers/dealers.

Herbicide	Discount	Container Size	\$/Gal	Min Order	Total
DuraCor	3%	1 Gal	\$80.51	60	\$4,830.60
Milestone	5%	Quart			
		2.5 gal	\$251.00	25	\$6,275.00

Discussion: Should the Weed Board purchase the herbicides and offer for sale to county landowners.

Monthly Report:

2022 Proposed Budget: The Proposed 2021 Weed Control Budget was presented to the County Commission on August 21. The Commission approved the budget as presented and accepted the recommendation of lowering the mill levy to 1.2 mills. Commissioner Scherling commended the Weed Board's dedication and longevity of service the board members are exhibiting.

Contractor spraying: Walker's Lawncare has continued to spray the northern portion of the county when weather conditions allow. J & J Spraying will start spraying the southern section in September as they have done in past years. To date 1961 acres have been sprayed costing \$75,988.00. The total acres sprayed to date is similar to last summer's acreage at this time.

Spotted Hemlock Bio-control agents: Weed Control staff continued to scout cattail sites across the county and has found additional sites where Spotted hemlock was found. Several sites were located south-east of Erie with one site north of Erie near the county border. Three Spotted hemlock bio-control insect collections (Poison hemlock defoliating moth pupae) were ordered and released, one each in Davenport, Erie, and Empire townships. The total cost of the insects came to \$520.00.

Canada thistle stem mining weevils: Ordered ten containers of Canada thistle stem mining weevils and released in five locations, two containers per location. Total cost of the insects came to \$1575.00.

Wild Parsnip: Wild parsnip has been found along Hwy 38 and 29th St SE and east of Mapleton along Hwy 10. The Co 38 area was sprayed by county staff on Monday, August 2. The Mapleton area is located on private property. The property owners have been notified and advised to control the weed since it is so close to Mapleton. No response from the owners to date.

Pickup Replacement: Planning to place order for new pickup after County Commission officially approves 2021 county budget to be delivered after January 1, 2022.

Summer Field Aid: Jeff Grieve has ended his employment on July 25. His assistance was much appreciated.

Weed Officer Activities:

Scouting of subdivisions in rural areas for weeds,
Scouted field for Palmer amaranth
Visited with an organic farmer regarding Canada thistle control using stem mining weevils,
Evaluated Canada thistle stem mining weevil introduction sites for establishment and future stem mining releases.
Attended renaming ceremony of the Jack Dalrymple Agricultural Research Complex at NDSU on August 20,

Upcoming Events:

Cass Co Weed Board	Sept. 13
ND Stockmen's Assoc meeting	Sept 24, Fargo
NDWCA Board meeting	Sept. 28, Bismarck