

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

9:00 AM Meeting called to order
Roll call of the members
Approve minutes of previous meeting
Approve order of agenda

Agenda

1. Budget Report
 - a. Monthly Financial Statements Information/action
 - b. Approval of bills Information/action

2. New Business
 - a. HVAC Bid Information/action
 - b. Palmer amaranth update Information
 - c. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

For information on any of the agenda items or the need for special accommodations contact: Stan Wolf, 701-298-2388, wolfs@casscountynd.gov

Weed Control Progress Report

October 4, 2021

Period from Sept 13 to October 4, 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. Bids from both contractors have been received and are as follows:

Laney's – Proposed to install electric air to air heat pump with two room units for heat and air conditioning. \$9,032.00

BDT Mechanical, LLC – Proposed to install 95% efficient natural gas furnace, air conditioning unit and air ducting. \$16,670.00

Action: Discussion and possible acceptance of a bid.

Action: Move to adjust budget line item for HVAC bid.

Palmer amaranth Update: Palmer amaranth has been identified in three counties in 2021, Grant, Sioux, and Cass. The infestation in Cass County was contained to an area surrounding a sunflower processing plant. The Grant and Sioux County infestations were the result of feeding sunflower screenings contaminated with Palmer seeds. Several hundred acres are infested on several farm feedlot, pasture, and cropland areas.

Monthly Report:

Contractor spraying: Great progress has been made by both contractors in spraying county and township road ditches. The weather has been very cooperative. Both contractors were spraying over the weekend. Walker's Lawncare is working with one to two trucks finishing up on township roads. J&J Spraying has used up to three trucks. The acres covered to date are:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>\$/acre</u>
J&J Spraying	5464	\$199,968.96	\$36.39
Walker's Lawncare	<u>4087</u>	<u>\$157,439.75</u>	\$38.75
Total	9551	\$357,408.71	

The total cost for spraying to date is above the target of \$340,000; however, we are covered as our budgeted amount is \$390,000. I will be contacting the contractors to determine how much additional spraying is expected.

Pickup Replacement: at the present time I have not received a bid price for a 2022 pickup.

ND Stockmen's Assoc meeting: Mr. Wolf addressed the Environmental Issues committee at their annual conference on September 24. Discussed was the need to be vigilant for noxious weeds if feeding hay purchased from outside their area and screenings, especially sunflower screenings. Also be aware that native hay may have Houndstongue or other poisonous plants which may impact their livestock. Cattail bales may have Spotted hemlock which will also impact their animals.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Area II meeting
NDWCA Conference

October 18, Jamestown
January 5-7, 2022, Bismarck