

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, February 14, 2022

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. 2022 Spray contracts Information/action
 - b. NDAWN Information/action
 - c. Northern Corn/Soy Expo Information/action
 - d. Climate-Controlled Herbicide Storage Information/action
 - e. 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

Feb 7, 2022

Period from January 10 to Feb 7, 2022

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

2022 Spray contracts: The Noxious Weed Spray bid opening occurred on Monday, February 7 at 1 pm. Tom Soucy, Cass County Highway Dept. assisted in opening and reviewing the bid packets. The contractors were asked to submit bids for weed spray application less herbicides. Two bid packets were submitted, Walker’s Lawncare and J & J Spraying. The contractors were asked to submit bids for application only, Cass County Weed Control will supply the herbicides. The submitted bids are as follows:

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Unit</u> | <u>\$/acre</u> |
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| Walker’s Lawncare | North | \$31.75 |
| J & J Spraying | South | \$23.75 |

Mr. Soucy and Mr. Wolf will review the references and provide a recommendation to the Weed Board at the February 14, 2022 meeting.

Action: Board to determine winning bids and award bid contracts.

NDAWN: 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 for the Fargo station in Cass County.

Northern Corn/Soy Expo: The Northern Corn/Soy Expo will be held on Monday, February 21, 2022 at the Fargodome. Various speakers will discuss markets, crop research, and other topics pertaining to corn and soybean production. Numerous vendors have trade booths at the event. Approximately 800 corn and soybean farmers have attended the expo in the past. The North Dakota Weed Control Association has asked Mr. Wolf to secure a booth and will reimburse the cost of the booth. Mr. Wolf has agreed to man the booth. Noxious weed education information will be provided as handouts. Booth cost \$750.00.

Proposed motion: Move to approve \$750.00 for a trade booth at the Northern Corn/Soy Expo.

Climate-Controlled Herbicide Storage: Mr. Wolf was asked by the Board to investigate acquiring climate-controlled storage for storing herbicides during the winter. Several of the herbicides utilized in the roadside right-of-way spraying require above freezing temperatures for storage. Mr. Wolf inquired with Nutrien Ag Solutions at Mapleton for rented space. Nutrien provides many of the agricultural pesticides which also require climate-controlled conditions. Nutrien has indicated that if they were to provide space, a contract would have to be drawn up. As of this writing Nutrien has not responded.

Union Storage and Transfer Co, 4275 Main Ave., Fargo has climate-controlled warehouse space available. Their warehouse is set up for chemical storage, spill containment and non-flame heat source. Mr. Wolf has inspected their warehouse, many different pesticides are stored in their facility. Cost for storing the herbicides we would require would be approximately \$1000.00 from February to May. Delivery and pickup from Union Storage would require 24-hour notice. The Union Storage office would provide the needed documentation for shipping/receiving paperwork. The contractors could pick up their assigned herbicides at any time provided Union Storage is notified who will pick up what products.

Proposed Motion: Move to utilize Union Storage and Transfer to store and hold purchased herbicides for roadside right-of-way spraying.

Monthly Report:

Noxious Weed Task Force: The ND Ag Commissioners Task Force 13, scheduled for January 19 was postponed due to weather conditions. A date has not been rescheduled at this time.

Method 24c Special Use Permit: The Method 24c Special use permit for the use of Method in grazing pastures has been withdrawn by the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at the request of the EPA. The original label use of Method is still in effect with a 365-day grazing and haying restriction after application.

Weed Control Field Aid: Jeff Grieve has applied to work this summer. This will be his eighth year working for Cass County Weed Control.

Upcoming Events:

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| Noxious Weed Task Force | postponed |
| Private Pesticide Applicator training | Feb 10, Argusville |
| Private Pesticide Applicator training | Feb 16, Zoom meeting |
| Northern Corn/Soy Expo | Feb 21, Fargo |
| Ornamental & Turf recertification | Feb 25, Harwood |
| Private Pesticide Applicator training | March 9, Mapleton |
| ND Winter Show | March 9-13, Valley City |