

Cass County Weed Control Board  
Cass County Weed Control Office  
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo  
Monday, August 8, 2022

9:00 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. Summit Carbon Solutions      | Information        |
| b. Other                        |                    |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report      | Information        |
| 4. Upcoming events              | Information        |

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## Weed Control Progress Report

August 1, 2022

Period from July 11 to August 1, 2022

submitted by Stan Wolf

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### New Business:

**Summit Carbon Solutions:** Mr. Joey Borracci and Mr. Charlie Adams of TurnKey Logistics will provide a quick overview of the Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 gas pipeline project in Cass County. They will take questions from the board and want to follow county ordinances during construction.

### Monthly Report:

**2023 Budget Presentation:** The 2023 Weed Control Proposed budget was presented to the County Commission on Tuesday July 26, 2022 by Mr. Wolf. Mr. Wolf described the change in contractor spray bid process. The contractors were to bid for application cost with the board providing the herbicides. This process increased the chemical costs for 2022, which brings the overall expected expenditures over our 2022 budget. Mr. Wolf assured the Commission that the expenditures for spraying will not go over budget as we keep a watchful eye on the costs daily and will discontinue the spray operations when needed.

The Commission commended the board and Mr. Wolf for their dedication to the program. The Commission approved the 2023 proposed budget with a unanimous vote.

**Contractor Spraying:** The contractors have completed spraying the interstate ditches and are planning on spraying the median. Walker's Lawncare is working on county roads. Spraying operations are intermediate due to wind and temperature exceeding label limits. To date the acres and costs are as follows:

	Acres	Application Cost	Total cost with chemical
J&J Spraying	1206	28,931	14,560
Walker's Lawncare	<u>668</u>	21,209	8,374
<b>Total</b>	<b>1874</b>	<b>\$50,140</b>	<b>\$73,076</b>
Budget remaining			\$316,923

**Leafy spurge flea beetle collecting:** Leafy spurge flea beetle collection was successful this year with a total of 30 releases distributed to 12 landowners. A release comprised of approximately 3000 flea beetles. An estimated total of 90,000 flea beetles were collected and distributed, making for a near record collection and release. All flea beetles were collected at the Brewer Lake site on ND Fish and Game land.

**Spotted hemlock status:** Spotted hemlock scouting and control efforts started in the southern tier townships where S hemlock was identified in 2021. The areas that were sprayed showed good control using DuraCor herbicide. Virtually no S hemlock plants were found in the ditches sprayed with the Kubota. Hand sprayed areas still had a few plants coming up. Scouting then proceeded in the northern townships starting in the Maple River drainage area. More locations were found with S hemlock, several with very heavy stands of S hemlock. Chemical control of these areas was not undertaken as the locations were in water or unable to get to. Communications with other weed officers indicate that S hemlock is being found throughout the state. The Extension agents in Traill and Steele Counties were notified that S hemlock was found in the county border areas.

Identification cards were mail to the township chairperson with hopes that the cards would be given to the road maintainer operators.

**Palmer amaranth:** Palmer amaranth is showing up in Grandin and a plant was identified in Traill County near the sunflower plant in Grandin. The sunflower plant agronomist is waling the plant grounds weekly and removing any Palmer amaranth plants for proper disposal. Scouting by Mr. Wolf has found that the sunflower plant area and lawns in the city are properly mowed and no evidence of tall weeds of any kind are growing. Letters were mail to residents explaining the need to keep palmer amaranth under control. We will keep an eye on the area.

**Purple loosestrife:** Scouting and control for Purple loosestrife in north Fargo is being undertaken. A location east of Absaraka at a water crossing was sprayed for Purple loosestrife. The drone was used to scout the waterway for P loosestrife with no additional locations found.

### **Upcoming Events:**

NDWCA Summer Symposium  
NDWCA Board meeting  
NDWCA Area meeting

August 23-25, Washburn ND  
September 27, Bismarck  
October 24, TBD