

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, June 12, 2023

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. Chemical Storage | Information/action |
| b. 2024 Proposed Budget | Information/action |
| c. | Information/action |
| d. | Information/action |
| e. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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Weed Control Progress Report

June 5, 2023

Period from to May 8 to June 3, 2023

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

Chemical Storage: Weed Control is currently purchasing the weed control chemicals and providing them to the contract sprayers. This allows us to purchase the upcoming needed supplies in the fall before prices rise. Weed Control may need to accept delivery prior to the spring spraying season, thereby the need for warm storage for the chemicals. One option is to insulate and heat the vehicle storage area. Estimates of bids will be presented at the meeting.

Action: Evaluate estimates for heating and insulating vehicle/chemical storage area and possible budget costs into 2024 budget.

2024 Proposed Budget: The 2024 proposed Weed Control Budget is to be submitted to the Finance Office by June 30, 2023. Inflation and supply issues are the great unknown for forecasting budget numbers concerning herbicide and contractor costs. The Finance Office is recommending using a 5.1% inflation rate for 2024 expenses. The current mill levy is 1.2 mills. We will have a proposed budget for your consideration at the meeting.

Action: Discussion and approval of budget and mill levy.

Monthly Report:

Seasonal Field Aid: Mr. Dylan Robley started on May 22 as the seasonal field aid. Wolf and Robley attended the NDWCA Sprayer School in Carrington on June 1, at Carrington. Mr. Robley passed the commercial applicators test.

NDDOT Noxious Weed Agreement: The annual Noxious Weed Agreement contract was received after our last meeting. The contract is to control noxious weeds in the interstate and state road rights-of-way. NDDOT will reimburse up to \$55,000 for any control work including spraying. Mr. Wilcox signed the agreement as it needed to be returned no later than May 22, 2023.

Weed Spraying: Mr. Wolf sprayed the lawn at the County Jail on May 16. Staff applied herbicide in the swimming beach area and along the fishing docks at the County Campgrounds at Brewer Lake. Absinth wormwood was controlled in the campground also. No other spraying activities have been conducted due to

wind, rain, and high temperatures. Staff are scouting the countryside for Leafy spurge and other weed infestations.

The season's supply of herbicides have been delivered to the contractors Walker's Lawncare and J&J Spraying. They are ready to spray when conditions are favorable.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Sprayer School
NDWCA Board meeting
NDWCA Board meeting
NDWCA Area meeting

June 1, Carrington
June 27, Bismarck
September 26, Bismarck
October 23, Valley City