Cass County Weed Control Board Cass County Weed Control Office 1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo Monday, September 11, 2023

The September 11, 2023, meeting of the Cass County Weed Board has been canceled due to lack of business. The next scheduled meeting of the Weed Board is to be held on Monday October 9, 2023.

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

September 5, 2023

Period from to August 14 to September 5, 2023

submitted by Stan Wolf

Monthly Report:

Roadside Spraying: To date a total of 3641 acres have been sprayed, totaling \$157,308 in application and chemical costs. Walker's Lawncare had virtually completed spraying the north half of the county, covering numerous low maintenance township roads due to the dry conditions. J&J Spraying will start spraying the southern half of the county in September targeting townships that were not covered in 2022.

Weed Control Staff spraying: Staff have started to spray the Horace and West Fargo Sheyenne Diversion for noxious weeds.

Purple Loosestrife: Weed Control staff have scouted and sprayed for Purple loosestrife in north Fargo several times. The Purple loosestrife continues to maintain its presence in the two drains. An additional site east of Absaraka has been identified where Purple loosestrife is scattered through the cattails and water channel. We are hoping that Walker will receive his license for the spray drone and he will then spray the area.

Biocontrol: We were not able to secure Spotted hemlock defoliating moth from Integrated Weed Control. We are expecting the Canada thistle stem mining weevil and will release them in various locations in the county. .

Office Doors: New doors and a keypad door lock have been installed; total cost is \$2500.

Dodge Truck: The truck's ABS system has been flashing that it needs service. The computer module needs to be replaced, but is backordered and will be replaced when in.

Wilcox Certificate of Appreciation: Clayton Brennan, Ken Hagen, and Stan Wolf met with the family of Larry Wilcox and presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the Weed Board. Mr. Wilcox was on the board for 28 years, most of which he served as chair. The certificate was signed by Cass County Commissioner Chad Peterson and Stan Wolf, Weed Control Officer.

Board Member Search: Mr. Wolf has inquired with several agronomy services people for recommendations for the weed board. Several candidates have been recommended. Mr. Wolf will contact the individuals after the grain harvest.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA Board meeting NDWCA Area meeting NDWCA Conference

September 26, Bismarck October 23, Valley City January 2-5, Bismarck