

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 West Main Ave, West Fargo
February 8, 2016

10:00 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. Spray Bid contract Information/action
 - b. Bid opening committee Information/action
 - c. Weed Control Action Plan Information/action
 - d. ATV sprayer sale Information/action
 - e. Private Applicator Training Information/action
 - f. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

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Weed Control Progress Report

January 4, 2016

Period from Dec 14, 2015 to Jan 4, 2016
Stan Wolf

submitted by

Agenda Items

Spray Bid Contract: The current spray contract for spraying roadside rights-of-way has expired. The Weed Board will have to solicit for bids for the 2016-2017 spraying seasons and award a new contract. The previous contract had the contractors provide all inputs for spraying including herbicides, adjuvants, water, and conditioners. The major spray mix consisted of Tordon with Overdrive applied at 12 oz. and 4 oz. per acre respectively. The contract was awarded based on the cost of this herbicide mix. The contractors were to spray all roads in the county including state, county and township roads. The contractors operated under the supervision and direction of the weed officer who gave start and ending dates and instructions as to which roads to concentrate on in a given timeframe. Overall the previous contract and provisions worked well. It is recommended to advertise for bids utilizing the provisions of the previous contract.

Proposed motion: Move to solicit for bids for noxious weed spraying in roadside rights-of-way for years 2016 and 2017, utilizing the provisions of the previous noxious spray contract.

Bid Opening Committee: A committee should be identified to open and review the bids and make a recommendation to the board for awarding the noxious weed spraying contracts.

Weed Control Action Plan: The need for a weed control action plan for land developers within the county was discussed at the previous board meeting. A draft of a weed control best management plan was drafted and presented to the County Planning department.

ATV Sprayer Sale: A replacement for the 2006 Honda atv with sprayer has been purchased and delivered. It is recommended that the 2006 Honda with sprayer be sold on the Publicsurplus.com website administered by the Auditor's office.

Proposed motion: Move to sell the 2006 Honda ATV with sprayer in public auction on the Publicsurplus.com website.

Private Applicator Training: The Cass County Extension office will be conducting three private applicator training sessions this winter and has asked that I provide a short presentation. Among the topics I plan to present are the Land Owner Assistance program, pasture spraying, and locating specialty crop areas. An idea to engage the audience would be to hand out a box of nitrile gloves to one person at each training session. This would stress the use of personal safety equipment when handling pesticides. The cost of a box of gloves is \$9.00 for a total of \$ 27.00.

Proposed motion: Move to approve the purchase of three boxes of nitrile gloves to be handed out at the private applicator training sessions.

Monthly Report

Weed Control Field Aid position: The summer field aid position was advertised on the county website. Jeff Grieve has accepted the position of weed control field aid, starting in mid-May.

Honda Pioneer 500: A Honda Pioneer 500 and loading ramps were purchased and delivered at a cost of \$9605. The unit was equipped with a winch and hard cover for over the roll bar. Honda has an extended warranty for 3 yrs. @ \$620.00. This can be purchased any time prior to January 12, 2017.

Attended the Wild World of Weeds and Soil Water Workshops conducted by NDSU Extension.

Working with States Attorney for road ditch weed spraying notification.

Attended meeting with ND Ag Commissioner Goehring and the NDWCA board regarding changes in Weed Seed Free Forage program.

Upcoming Events:

Peterson Farms Seed Symposium	Feb. 5, Fargo
Weed Board meeting	Feb. 8, West Fargo
Private Applicator training	Feb. 23, Fargo
ND Winter Show	March 5, Valley City
Private Applicator training	March 8, Casselton
ND Winter Show	March 9, Valley City
NDWCA board meeting	March 29, Bismarck
Private Applicator training	March 29, West Fargo