

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 West Main Ave, West Fargo
April 11, 2016

8:00 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. Budget adjustment | Information/action |
| b. LAP Herbicide List | Information/action |
| c. Weed Control Work Order | Information/action |
| d. Landowner Notices | Information/action |
| e. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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Weed Control Progress Report

April 5, 2016

Period from March 14, to April 5 2016

submitted by Stan Wolf

Agenda Items

Budget Adjustment: The County Commission has asked all county departments to review their budgets to determine where any savings can be applied to limit the effects of the reduction in State Aid payments. Weed Control will see a reduction of \$3393 in State Aid distributions. The decrease in state aid will be offset through expected savings through the exterior building painting project by utilizing a different contractor. The change in budget was presented to the County Commission on April 4 for their approval. The County Commission moved and passed to accept the proposed budget adjustments and to amend the 2016 budget for the Weed Control Funds. A copy of the Weed Control Fund Summary as submitted to the Commission is included.

Suggested Motion: Move to accept the proposed budget as presented to and amended by the County Commission.

LAP Herbicides: Two new herbicides have been introduced that are available for noxious weed control. *Graslan L* is a mixture of picloram and 2,4-D choline salt. This can be used on pasture and rights-of-way. *Method* is a reformulated *Perspective* without the SU chemistry. *Method* has a 365 day haying-grazing restriction.

Suggested Motion: Add Graslan L and Method herbicides to the approved herbicide list on for the Landowner Assistance Program.

Weed Control Work Order: When conducting weed control operations for county departments, other public entities or customers a work order is filled out which describes the work to be performed and the charges for services. The current charges are listed as follows:

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| a. ATV sprayer and labor | \$40.00/hr |
| b. Labor with hand sprayer | \$25.00/hr |
| c. Mileage | \$0.74/mile |
| d. Herbicides and additives | at cost |
| e. Commercial applicator | at cost |

The current valuation is reflective of the pervious equipment and wage rates. It is suggested that the ATV sprayer and labor rate be increased to \$50.00/hour.

Suggested Motion: Increase the ATV sprayer and labor rate to \$50.00 and maintain the current rates for Labor with hand sprayer at \$25.00/hour, and mileage at \$0.74/mile.

Landowner Notices: In previous years Weed Control has placed ads in the Fargo Forum and the Cass County Reporter papers stating when the road rights-of-way will be sprayed

and that spraying will continue for the duration of the summer and fall. These ads were placed in the Fargo Forum and the Cass County Reporter, once per week for three successive weeks. The North Dakota Department of Agriculture has issued a statement that it might be better to space the ads throughout the spraying season. Checking with the State's Attorney, the law does not state that notices must be sent out for weed spraying, only for plant pest spraying (grasshoppers notably). I am asking for input and clarification on how to proceed for notifying the public and landowners of the weed spraying operation and timeline. One thought would be to place the ad prior to starting in May/June, July and September.

Monthly Report

Weed Control Management Plan update: The cities of Fargo and West Fargo have stated that they will be conducting their own weed control measures within their city limits. If Weed Control receives any complaints within their districts I will forward the complaints to their public works departments. I will be presenting the weed control management plan to the County Planning Commission for their input and approval prior to presenting to the County Commission.

Spray Bid Contracts: The contracts were reviewed by the State's Attorney's office and sent to the contractors for their signature. As of this date Walker's Lawn Care has returned their copies for the chair to sign. J & J Spraying has indicated that they will be signing and mailing in their contract shortly. After the board chair has signed the contracts a copy will be mailed back to the contractors.

ATV Sprayer Sale: The Honda ATV with sprayer tanks and the wheel extenders have been sold on PublicSurplus.com. We received \$4525 for the Honda with spray tanks and \$25 for the wheel extenders.

I have assisted the Water Resources Districts in developing a spray bid request form to be provided to the spray contractors for spraying the legal drains and water control structures.

On March 24, I presented the NDWCA poster award to Paige Handly, of the Hatton Eielson Public School.

Upcoming Events:

CCYC Trip	April 20, Bismarck
Weed Board meeting	May 9, West Fargo
Sprayer School	May 24, Carrington
NDWCA board meeting	June 28, Bismarck