

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 West Main Ave, West Fargo
June 13, 2016

8:00 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. Authorization to Inspect Information/action
 - b. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

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Agenda Items

Authorization to Inspect: The Farm Service Agency of Cass County has sent a request to authorize certain USDA FSA and NRCS personnel as listed on the request to inspect CRP lands for the presence of noxious weeds within Cass County. The authorization delegates to such personnel all the county weed officer's rights and powers related to inspections. The Weed Board has granted such authorization in previous years.

Suggested motion: Move to have the Chair sign the authorization to allow certain USDA FSA and NRCS personnel to inspect CRP lands for the presence of noxious weeds within Cass County.

Monthly Report

Road ditch spraying: County and township maps have been printed for the contractors. Notices have been sent to the papers for ditch spraying and ditch haying. Contractors have been instructed to start. We will try and spray the interstate medians with Perspective.

Weed Control Management Plan Proposal: On June 4, the Cass County Commission had the first reading of the Weed Control Management Plan for Construction and Development Sites. There was some discussion on the need for the policy as it was thought landowners and developers should already know about the requirement for controlling noxious weeds. Most of the commission was in favor of the policy and it was moved to approve the first reading of the policy and to hold a second reading on July 5.

Gravel pit inspection: Camas Sand and Gravel asked that a gravel pit be inspected in Ransom County as he was not able to contact the Ransom County weed officer. The gravel products will be delivered to Cass County. The pit was deemed compliant with the noxious weed law and was approved.

Common Tansy, Downy brome: The Common tansy area was sprayed along with the emerged Canada thistle. Adjacent to the sprayed area was a field with a heavy infestation of Downy brome or cheatgrass. Downy brome was also found in a couple of township ditches south of Chaffee. Pictures were taken and forwarded to Dr. Rich Zollinger, NDSU and John Kringler and asked what can be done to control the cheatgrass. The major concern is if someone will be haying those ditches and spreading the seeds.

Water Quality: West Fargo has switched over to Fargo water as its water source. The pH of the water will change from 8 to 9, requiring us to condition for spraying. Adding

about one quart of water conditioner to 100 gallons of water will drop the pH to within the acceptable range of pH 4-8. The cost of the conditioner is \$16.00/gallon which will come to about \$2.00/acre.

The Honda sprayer set up is completed.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA board meeting
Weed Board meeting

June 28, Bismarck
July 11, West Fargo