

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 West Main Ave, West Fargo
August 8, 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. 2017 Budget Information/action
 - b. Test Plot Information/action
 - c. Other

3. Monthly Progress Report Information

4. Upcoming events Information

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

August 2, 2016

Period from July 11 to Aug 2, 2016

submitted by Stan Wolf

Agenda Items

2017 budget: The 2017 proposed budget is to be presented to the Cass County Commission on Tuesday, August 16. The budget numbers were revised slightly from what was presented at our last meeting. There was an increase in the health costs. The auditor's office also recommended that we reduce the Landowner Assistance Program budget from \$20,000 to \$10,000 to better reflect the yearly actual amounts reimbursed. The budget summary and worksheets are enclosed. Also enclosed is a spreadsheet showing how a projected 1.45 mill levy will impact revenues over years, with a five percent increase in revenue each year along with a two percent increase in expenses each year.

Suggested motion: Move to accept the proposed 2017 budget and present to the County Commission.

Test Plot: A weed infested site was identified along Hwy 38, south of Interstate 94, that would be a good site to try Method herbicide and use as a possible show plot. The landowner is agreeable to allow us to spray the area. The area encompasses about seven acres. Chemical cost would be about \$150.

Suggested motion: Move to approve Method application to test plot site along Highway 38, south of Interstate 94.

Monthly Report

Road ditch spraying: Progress has been slow with the wind, rain and high temperatures experienced this past month. J&J Spraying is waiting to start up again later in August or September. Ditch haying and mowing has hampered their work and they will bring in up to three trucks and two Ranger UTV's to do the spraying.

Walkers Lawncare has worked a few days when conditions were favorable. Since the last meeting they have sprayed 509 acres.

Acres sprayed and cost to date:

Contractor	Acres	Cost
J&J	312	\$ 9,300.33
Walker	1019	\$ 69,487.60
	1331	\$ 78,787.93

Spray complaint: A landowner called in with a spray complaint that possibly happened last year. Upon inspection one could see a few rows of soybeans that have died but the affected area was in the road right-of-way. Applicator records show that the township road was sprayed last fall alongside the field.

Water Resources properties: Cattail and weed spraying in water drains by helicopter will be starting shortly. Maple River Dam pool area will be sprayed along with several privately owned parcels.

Weed Complaints: Several letters were sent out to landowners reminding them that they need to control noxious weeds on their property. I assisted the West Fargo Code Enforcement officer in checking a property for Canada thistle in a tree belt.

Upcoming Events:

County Commission budget hearings	August 16
Weed Board meeting	Sept 12, West Fargo
NDWCA board meeting	Sept. 27 Bismarck
NDWCA Area meeting	Oct. 26, Valley City