

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 West Main Ave, West Fargo
September 7, 2016

The Cass County Weed Board has cancelled their September 12, 2016 meeting due to lack of business. The Weed Board will hold its next meeting as scheduled on October 10, 2016 at 8 am.

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 7, 2016

Period from Aug 8 to September 7, 2016

submitted by Stan Wolf

Monthly Report

Budget Hearing: The Weed Control budget was presented to the County Commission on August 16. The budget was approved as presented. Commissioner Pawluk brought to mind to the other commissioners how Weed Control used to have its own spray trucks and hired personnel to conduct the road rights-of-way spraying, but now utilizes contractors to spray the rights-of-way. He complemented on how the program has worked to reduce the cost of spraying and increase the effectiveness of the weed control program. Pawluk did recommend that a system of scheduled equipment replacement be set up to keep equipment current.

Road ditch spraying: Progress continues to be slow with the weather providing good spraying conditions only a day or two each week. J&J Spraying is ready to start up again on September 8. They will bring in up to three trucks and two Ranger UTV's cover the south section of the county.

Walkers Lawncare continues to go out when conditions are favorable. They are working on township roads and seem to be making good progress. From August 9 to present they have sprayed 628 acres. The total acres sprayed to date is as follows:

Acres sprayed and cost to date:

Contractor	Acres	Cost
J&J	312	\$ 9,300.33
Walker	2868	\$ 104,386.10
	1331	\$ 113,686.43

Water Resources properties: Dakota Helicopters came and sprayed the Water Resource Drains for cattails. The Maple River Dam and T-180 dam were sprayed for trees and brush. The pasture lands in the Maple River Dam pool area were also sprayed for thistles and Absinth wormwood. One private landowner hired the helicopter to spray his pasture.

Weed Complaints: Inspections of several pastures and CRP fields were made with notices of weed infestations mailed to landowners which had fields infested with noxious weeds, mostly Canada thistle. The Weed Office received a signed complaint of noxious weeds on several undeveloped residential lots in the Horace area. The owner was sent notices of weed infestations for the four lots. The owner has not complied to control the weeds, therefore a Notice to Control letter via certified mail was sent to the owner. The Notice to Control stated that the weeds need to be controlled by September 21, by either mowing or tillage. If the weeds are not controlled by that date, then a Notice of

Enforcement Action will be mailed out and the Weed Control Officer will initiate a control action with the costs being charged to the land.

Summer Field Aid: Jeff Greive has quit for the season.

Upcoming Events:

NDWCA board meeting
NDWCA Area meeting
NDWCA Conference

Sept. 27, Bismarck
Oct. 26, Valley City
Jan. 10-12, Bismarck