

Cass County Weed Control Board
Cass County Weed Control Office
1201 Main Ave W, West Fargo
Monday, March 11, 2024

9:00 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. Spray Contract Bid Award | Information/action |
| b. Herbicide Purchase | Information/action |
| c. Other | |
| 3. Monthly Progress Report | Information |
| 4. Upcoming events | Information |

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Weed Control Progress Report

March 4, 2024

Period from February 12 to March 4, 2024,

submitted by Stan Wolf

New Business:

Spray Contract Bid Award: The Spray Contract Bid Committee members, Clayton Brennan, Weed Board, Katherine Naumann, States Attorney's Office, and Stan Wolf, Weed Officer, met on Wednesday, February 28 at 1 pm. Two sealed bids were received for the 2024-2025 roadside rights-of-way spraying of noxious weeds. The bids were opened and read out loud.

The submitted bids are as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid (for herbicide application only)</u>
North	Walker's Lawncare	\$34.75/acre
South	J&J Spraying	\$28.99/acre

The committee will provide a recommendation to the board regarding the bids.

Action: Move to accept or reject the submitted bids.

Herbicide Purchase: Cass County Weed Control will provide the herbicides and adjuvants needed for the roadside spray applicators. Several options on herbicides will be presented for the upcoming spray season, final details will be presented at the meeting for approval.

Action: Move to purchase herbicides needed for the 2024 noxious weed spray season.

Monthly Report:

Weed Officer Position Posting: The position announcement for the weed officer has been posted on the county website, Ag Dakota list serve through NDSU, and Handshake job posting platform at SDSU. To date four applications have been received. The position posting closes on March 22, 2024.

Seasonal field aid position posting. The summer field aid position was posted on the county website, NDSU Plant Sciences dept, and on Handshake, a job posting site that goes out to numerous colleges and universities in the region. To date no applications have been received. The posting closes on March 25, 2024.

Weed Control Work Orders: Copies of the 2024 Weed Control Work Orders were sent to the County Commission, County Park Board, the Cass County Water Resource districts, city of West Fargo, and city of Fargo, government entities that have utilized Weed Control services in past years. Mr. Wolf has or will attend the WRD's board meetings to update the board on Spotted hemlock. The North Cass WRD agreed to hire a contractor if Spotted hemlock was found on their properties.

The city of Fargo Public Works has declined, their staff will control the one site that has had Purple loosestrife. The other site that Cass County Weed Control has sprayed for Purple loosestrife is actually Fargo Park District property. A meeting with Fargo Park managers has been scheduled for March 13, 2024.

Spotted Hemlock Inquiry: Bruce Andvik, a crop adjuster, called wanting pictures and information on Spotted hemlock for training crop adjusters within his company. Several pictures and the Spotted hemlock information flyer were emailed to him.

Private Pesticide Recertification Training: Mr. Wolf has presented at the Extension Private Pesticide Recertification Training sessions either in person or via Zoom meetings. The presentation consisted of Weed Board programs and highlighted the addition of Spotted hemlock to the county noxious weed list.

Mapping Technology Grant payment: A check from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture was received in the amount of \$7162.50 as partial reimbursement in conjunction with the Mapping Technology Grant for GPS mapping equipment for the sprayers. A Targeted Assistance Grant application was submitted to the North Dakota Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$2387.50 to reimburse the purchase of the SpraySync spray data systems.

Drone Registration: The registration for the drone and remote id unit was renewed, cost \$5.00 each. Mr. Wolf renewed his compliance certification for his remote pilot license, good until February 2026.

Upcoming Events:

Private Pesticide Certification Training	March 6, Zoom meeting.
North Dakota Winter Show	March 6-10, Valley City
Weed Board meeting	March 11, West Fargo
Fargo Parks	March 13, Fargo
NDWCA board meeting	March 26, Bismarck