

Chelan County
Noxious Weed Control Board
Meeting Minutes March 11, 2014

Board Members

Dirk Veleke, Board Chair
Fred Smith
Joe Grentz
James Johnson
Ken Bauer

NW Dept. Staff & Guests

Mike Mackey, NW Control, Coordinator
Julie Sanderson, Field Supervisor
Jean Postlethwaite, Office Assistant
Nancy Redlin – Public Works, Veg. Management
Dale Whaley-WSU Cooperative Extension
Chelan-Douglas County

Open Meeting – Board Chair Dirk Veleke called the meeting to order at 1:34pm.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion to approve minutes for the previous Board meeting. Ken Bauer moved and Fred Smith seconded a motion to approve the minutes as corrected to reflect correct numbers for Policies 13-2 and 13-3.

Coordinator Report

1. Policies 13-2 & 13-3 approved in 2013 were signed by the Board Members.
2. Education and Outreach
 - Weed Management Workshop – Julie presented an overview of the workshop. Of particular interest were the two species presentations on Puncturevine and Musk thistle. A summary of the evaluations is attached. Discussion followed and several suggestions were offered related to publicity and topics for future print and broadcast spots.
 - Community Events - Mike and Julie discussed events since the last board meeting and coming spring events including Earth days, Farmers Markets and the series of Noxious Weed articles Jean has written for publication in local newspapers throughout the season.
 - 2014 State Noxious Weed List – Julie.
Before adopting the WA ST Noxious Weed List, Julie pointed to omission of Hoary Alyssum (*Berteroa incana*) as a Class B designated weed for Chelan County. It was an error of omission that will be corrected in 2015 State Noxious Weed List. For 2014 however, Hoary Alyssum will be added to the County Noxious Weed List. Additionally, all Hawkweeds are designated Class B noxious weeds for Chelan County. The 2014 County Noxious Weed list will remove individual Hawkweeds and list 'all Hawkweeds' as Class B designates.

Dirk moved to add Diffuse Knapweed to the County Noxious Weed Control List. No second was offered. Fred Smith moved to adopt the 2014 State Noxious Weed List as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Grant Opportunities

- Current Grants: We currently have 3 grants:
(1) WA St. Dept. of Agriculture for Knotweed with a balance approximately \$26,000,
(2) Title II USDA Forest Service for Crupina with a balance carried forward from 2013 approximately \$1,100; \$20,000 will be awarded to the Chelan Ranger District for 2014 of which \$5,000 will be transferred to the Chelan County Noxious Weed Board for Crew Administration.

(3) WA ST Dept. of Ecology for Milfoil Control on the Columbia River – with a balance approximately \$32,800

- Pending: There are 4 grant applications outstanding.

(1) WA ST Noxious Weed Board for Class A Weeds including Wild Four-O'clock-\$2,500.

(2) WA ST Dept. Natural Resources for aquatics inventory of navigable waters in Chelan County including all of Columbia River in Chelan County-\$24,481.

(3) WA ST Dept. of Natural Resources for Eurasian watermilfoil for inventory of the Lucerne Basin and lower basin of Lake Chelan-\$17,975.

(4) Title II USDA Forest Service for Crupina Control - \$25,252

4 Spring Reminder Letters

Julie reported the staff is preparing to mail reminder letters to property owners having Whitetop. The next large mailing of reminder letters includes a mixed group of noxious weeds and will be mailed later this spring.

5 Letter from Thurston County Noxious Weed Coordinator. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Board Member Round Table

During the discussion Fred Smith requested a copy of the label for Renovate 3 Triclopyr TEA.

Meeting Adjourned – Joe Grentz moved and Fred Smith seconded the motion to close the meeting. Board Chair, Dirk Veleke adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm

The next meeting will be June 10, 2014 at 6:30pm