

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2020
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Fred Smith
Ken Bauer
Joe Grentz
Dirk Veleke (phone)

Board Members Absent

James Johnson

Others Present

Julie Sanderson, CCNWCB Coordinator
Adam Pfleeger, CCNWCB Field Surveyor
Tayna Russell, CCNWCB Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Board Chair Fred Smith.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the December 10th regular meeting. Joe Grentz motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ken Bauer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing was open to get input from the public on the Chelan County Noxious Weed List. No members of the public were in attendance.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

REOPEN BOARD MEETING

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Board Member Term Expirations

The following Board members' terms will expire on April 22, 2020- James Johnson, Dirk Veleke and Joe Grentz. As there were no new applicants, all 3 agreed to continue on the Board for another term. The names of the continuing Board members will be given to the commissioners and will be posted to the courthouse bulletin board.

2. Budget Report and Grant Updates

Julie reviewed the Revenue and Expenditure status reports with the Board. Julie also gave a summary of new grants for 2020, including

1. \$16,000 from the Department of Ecology for garden loosestrife control in Fish Lake (pending agreement)
2. \$6,000 from BLM/WSDA for yellow starthistle, whitetop and rush skeletonweed control in the County (pending agreement)
3. \$22,100 from Title II for common crupina control
4. \$5,000 from WSDA for knotweed control in Stehekin (pending agreement)
5. \$5,000 from WSDA for garden loosestrife control in Fish Lake (pending; for use in 2022)
6. \$3,000 from WSDA for Ravenna grass control in the County (pending)

3. Proposed County Weed List Changes

The Board discussed proposed changes to the County Noxious Weed List. Proposed changes are as follows:

- South American spongeplant (*Limnobium laevigatum*) added as a Class A noxious weed
- Diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*) added to Selected list
- Hoary cress (*Lepidium draba*) added to Selected list

Fred motioned to approve all proposed changes to the 2020 County Noxious Weed List. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Chair and Vice Chair Selection

Ken Bauer has requested to resign from the board. The Board discussed options for replacing Ken.

Ken nominated Joe as the next Board Chair. Dirk seconded the motion. Joe was selected unanimously as the next Board Chair.

Ken nominated Dirk as the next Vice Chair. Joe seconded motion. Dirk was selected unanimously as the next Board Vice Chair.

5. Coordinators' Meeting and State Weed Board Meeting in Chelan

Julie informed the Board of next week's Coordinator's meeting in Chelan. The State Noxious Weed Board Meeting will be teleconferenced instead of meeting in person in Chelan due to coronavirus.

6. Field Season Preparations

Adam informed the Board of grant funding received this year to control garden loosestrife in Fish Lake. The Board will be updated on this project. Adam also updated the board on his coordination with the WSDA to streamline field data collection. Julie and Adam informed the Board about preparations being made for the upcoming field season.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Dirk asked that for the next meeting staff have the trucks and backpacks in the parking lot so the Board can see what the Weed Board staff is working with in the field. Adam informed the Board that 2 new electric backpack sprayers have been purchased for use this season.

Joe mentioned purple loosestrife in Fairview canyon in the irrigation ditch. Wants staff to be aware of it. Adam said he and Jenna would take a look. Dirk mentioned imazapyr is a good option for treating purple loosestrife.

ADJOURN MEETING

Ken motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Follow-up Items:

- Equipment will be made available to the Board for demonstration at next meeting
- Staff will check on purple loosestrife in Fairview Canyon
- Julie will send a flyer about tree-of-heaven to Board members
- Julie will follow up on contractor selection