

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
June 11th 2024, 1:30 pm
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Mary Hill
Kirk Laird

Board Members Absent

Jerrid Higgins

Others Present

Julie Sanderson
Adam Pfleeger
Ben Ketler
Tayna Russell

The meeting was called to order at 1:47 pm by Kirk Laird.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board members reviewed the draft minutes for the March 12th 2024 regular meeting, however a quorum was not reached and the March minutes will need to be approved at the September board meeting.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Report

Julie Sanderson reviewed the expenditure and revenue status reports with the board members.

2. Grant Updates

Julie gave an update on the Weed Board's current grant agreements with the WA Dept. of Agriculture.

3. Field Season Progress

Adam Pfleeger gave an update on field season activities, including a new project using drone technology to control myrtle spurge near Ohme Gardens, common crupina control work completed last month near Stehekin, and contracted spraying on whitetop in the Horse Lake area. Adam then summarized the transition to the new contact management system using ArcGIS. Adam also discussed working with WSDOT to get control of high priority weeds. Adam updated on the use of biological control on Dalmatian toadflax in Chelan County. Discussion followed.

4. Education & Outreach

Julie updated on the 2 Earth Day events in April and our first farmers market event of the season, last Saturday in Leavenworth. Julie also discussed her presentation at the Saturday Gardens event presented by the WSU Extension Master Gardeners.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The Board decided future meetings would be held at 4 pm using a hybrid in-person/online format. Other discussion topics included creating a volunteer group to help control noxious weeds in Chelan County, an app for citizens to report weeds to the CCNWCB, and working with the Douglas County Weed Management Task Force on controlling knotweed in Douglas County. Finally, there was discussion about a Leavenworth landowner who had multiple complaints of noxious weeds growing out of control on his property.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10th at 4 pm.