

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
March 12, 2024, 1:30 pm
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Jerrid Higgins
Mary Hill
Jim Johnson
Joe Grentz
Kirk Laird

Board Members Absent

None

Others Present

Julie Sanderson
Adam Pfleeger
Jenna Medlar
Tayna Russell

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Joe Grentz.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the December 12th, 2023, regular meeting. Kirk Laird requested to amend the minutes, specifically on the topic of quality control. The amendment would be to delete the first half of the sentence that says his concern was with the mapping. *Kirk motioned to approve the amended minutes. Jerrid Higgins seconded. The motion carried.*

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing was opened to get input from the public on the proposed 2024 Chelan County Noxious Weed List.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

No one from the public commented on the weed list and the hearing was closed at 1:33 pm.

REOPEN BOARD MEETING

The meeting was reopened to discuss the changes to the 2024 Chelan County Noxious Weed List.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Weed List Changes

Julie Sanderson reviewed the required changes to the County weed list for 2024. *Kirk motioned to adopt the 2024 Chelan County Noxious Weed List as proposed. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

2. Meeting Times

Julie asked the board to vote on changing the meeting time as discussed at the previous meeting. *Jerrid motioned to change the June & September meetings from 7 pm to 1:30 pm. Kirk Laird seconded. The motion carried.*

Julie asked the board to sign a letter of support for Adam Pfleeger's promotion to Coordinator, replacing her when she retires in June. A brief discussion was held regarding progress on the SOP document. A discussion was held regarding Adam being promoted to Coordinator. Adam went over his background and explained why he is a good fit for the position. Board members asked follow-up questions and then signed a letter of support to promote Adam to Coordinator. *Jim motioned to promote Adam to Coordinator for the Weed Board. Mary Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

3. Board Member Term Expirations

Julie reviewed upcoming board member term expirations.

4. Budget and Grants

Expenditures & Revenues-

Julie reviewed the expenditure and revenue status reports. Discussion followed.

Grants-

Julie gave an update on current grant-funded projects, including common crupina control (USFS Title II), knotweed control (WSDA), multi-weed control (WSDA), rush skeletonweed & yellow starthistle (WSDA) and tree-of-heaven (WSDA). Discussion followed.

5. Recertification Workshop

Julie briefed the board on last month's recertification workshop. Discussion followed.

6. Coordinators' Meeting & State Weed Board Meeting

Julie briefly discussed the upcoming State Weed Coordinator's Conference.

7. Field Season Preparations

Julie informed the board we are currently preparing for the upcoming field season.

8. Education & Outreach

Julie briefed the board on recent and upcoming outreach events, including Master Gardeners training, farmers markets & Earth Day events.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

On behalf of the board, Joe Greutz thanked Julie for her time and service as Coordinator. Discussion followed regarding the importance of having board members involved in agriculture.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 1:30 p.m.