

**Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting**  
**September 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, 4:00 pm**  
**412 Washington St.**  
**Wenatchee, WA 98801**

**Board Members Present**

Mary Hill  
Kirk Laird  
Jerrid Higgins (by Zoom)

**Board Members Absent**

None

**Others Present**

Adam Pfleeger  
Tayna Russell  
Julie Sanderson

**The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Kirk Laird.**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board members reviewed the draft minutes for the March 12<sup>th</sup> & June 11<sup>th</sup> regular meetings. *Mary Hill motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jerrid Higgins seconded. The motion carried.*

**ACTION ITEMS**

Discussion: Appointment of Julie Sanderson to Noxious Weed Board, At-large District A

Vote: *Mary motioned to recommend Julie Sanderson to the County Commissioners for a position on the Board. Jerrid seconded. The motion carried.*

Discussion: Requesting support of noxious weed assessment increase

Vote: *Julie motioned to support the assessment increase of \$10.25 plus \$ .06 per acre for properties over an acre and to sign a letter of support to the Chelan County Commissioners. Mary seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**1. Budget report**

Adam Pfleeger reviewed the expenditure and revenue status reports with the board members. Board members asked for clarification about a couple line items on the revenue status report. Discussion followed.

**2. Grant updates**

Adam gave an update on the Weed Board's current grant funded projects and future grant funding requests. There was discussion about the potential to cooperate with other agencies on controlling

knotweed in Douglas County. Adam then talked about a newly-acquired grant to control the Class A weed, wild four-o'clock in Chelan County.

### **3. Field season progress**

Adam Pfleeger gave an update on field season activities including the following:

- Field crew fall weed control activities
- Discussion with County Prosecuting Attorney about a volunteer program for weed control
- Reaching out to the Goathead Warriors for updates on 2024 activities
- A site tour with WSDA staff to look at CCNWCB's current state grant-funded projects
- A site tour with WA Ecology staff to look at progress on flowering rush and garden loosestrife control projects

Discussion followed.

### **4. Tree-of heaven project**

Adam updated on recent and upcoming tree-of-heaven control work in Chelan County.

### **5. Education and outreach**

Adam went over recent education and outreach activities, including the goathead press release recently published by the County Communications Office. Adam also discussed the State Weed Board's 2024 Bee-u-tify pollinator-friendly flower seed packets and wrapping up this year's public events season.

### **6. Board member vacancy for at-large District B**

Adam asked for Board members to think about people they might know who would be interested in filling the vacant position for at-large District B. Discussion followed.

## **BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

The Board discussed topics including tree-of-heaven and the invasive spotted lanternfly infestations found in Pennsylvania and Illinois. There was also a request for clarification on the Contractual Services line in the budget report.

*Kirk Laird motioned to authorize Weed Board staff prepare a card to show appreciation for the service of two Board members whose terms ended in April. Julie seconded. Motion carried.*

## **ADJOURN MEETING**

**The meeting adjourned at 5:21 pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.**