

**Chelan County**  
**Noxious Weed Control Board**  
Meeting Minutes March 12, 2013

**Members Present**

Ken Bauer  
Dirk Veleke  
Joe Grentz  
Fred Smith

**Others Present**

Mike Mackey – Coordinator  
Jean Postlethwaite – Office Admin.  
Nancy Redlin – Public Works

**Meeting opened by Ken Bauer at 1:30 pm**

**Election of Officers**

1. Chair – Joe moved and Dirk seconded a motion to nominate Ken for a 2-year term as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Vice-Chair – Joe moved and Dirk seconded the motion to nominate Fred as Vice Chair for a 2-year term.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Joe moved and Dirk seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. The motion passed unanimously.
2. The next meeting of the Noxious Weed Board will be Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm.

**Recess for Public Hearing** – The Chair recessed the scheduled meeting of the Board at 1:37 pm to move into a Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing**

1. A public hearing was convened at 1:37 pm to hear comments related to approval of the 2013 State Noxious Weed List and recommended changes to the Chelan County Select list of State Class B weeds selected for control in Chelan County.
2. Staff Reports – Julie presented the Department's recommended changes to the County's list of Class B designates selected for control in Chelan County.

Recommended changes include the addition of Spotted knapweed, Common hawkweed, Polar hawkweed and any other invasive hawkweeds not listed elsewhere. Also recommended was the removal of Dalmation toadflax, Diffuse knapweed, Kochia, Meadow knapweed, Oxeye daisy, Purple loosestrife, Yellow toadflax.

Dirk expressed concern about the removal of Kochia from the list which would result in no requirement for control on any rights-of-way. After discussion the board supported the suggestion to leave Kochia and Oxeye daisy on the list. Dirk also suggested if Dalmation toadflax is removed from the list, a policy be adopted to require its control on rights-of-way.

3. Public Comment – No public comments were presented
4. The Chair closed the Public Hearing at 1:58 pm.

**Reopen for Scheduled Meeting** – The scheduled meeting was reopened at 1:58 pm and the following items were acted upon:



**Action Items:**

1. Fred moved to approve the 2013 Washington State Noxious Weed list. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dirk moved to approve the recommended changes to the County's list of weeds selected for control as modified. Joe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mike will draft a policy for the Board's approval at the next meeting to address the issue of noxious weed control in public rights of way of weeds not on the list for control in Chelan County.

**Coordinator's Report**

1. Grants - Mike
  - a) We have \$55,623 remaining in 4 open grants.
  - b) The Inter-fund Weed account with a balance of \$10,000 is available to spray county-owned properties and to provide NW staff to help Nancy Redland spray gravel pits.
  - c) Mike applied for and received an award of \$30,600 in Title II money for Crupina control, which includes an extension of from 2012. \$11,000 will be returned to the Forest Service for support services and the remaining \$19,000 will be used for direct expenses.
2. Recertification workshop - Julie summarized the evaluation of the 2013 Weed Certification Workshop.
  - 65 attendees, up from 2012
  - 88% reported the workshop topics were valuable and useful
  - 20% held private licenses
  - 68% represented government agencies
  - 8% were commercial applicators

Fred observed it had been well advertised.

3. Staffing Plan  
Kelley Carlson will return April 1<sup>st</sup>, Terry Lillybridge will start in June or late May if needed and Tayna Russell will start in April to complete Knotweed Control record management tasks.

**Other Reports**

1. Possible move to new office – The County has purchased the gray building next door, across the alley. After remodeling we may be moved there with the Natural Resource Department and Horticultural Disease and Pest Control Board.
2. Educational Opportunities –In addition to the workshops and meetings we participated in the Wenatchee Outdoor Sportsman Show February 22-24 at Town Toyota Center where we talked with man outdoor enthusiasts and gave out Eastern Washington Field Guides, litterbags and other brochures. It was the first event of this kind for Wenatchee and we are on the calendar for 2014. April will bring 3 Earth Day community events in Chelan, Entiat and Leavenworth where we anticipate even more one on one contacts.
3. New look for Web page – We are redesigning the NW web page. Some changes include a new picture, a weekly weed quote, the addition of our Mission Statement and a more extensive Common Questions section. The County IT department is converting all department webpages to a new format so much of what we have planned will have to wait until our webpage has been converted.

**Round Table** – There was no other discussion.



## Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

