

Chelan County
Noxious Weed Control Board
Meeting Minutes Dec. 10, 2013

Board Members

Ken Bauer, Board Chair
Fred Smith
Joe Grentz
James Johnson
Dirk Veleke

NW Dept. Staff & Guests

Mike Mackey, NW Control, Coordinator
Julie Sanderson, Field Supervisor
Jean Postlethwaite, Office Assist.
Greg Haubrich, WSDA NW Coord.
Alison Halpern, WSDA NW Control Board
Executive Secretary
Nancy Redlind, Ch. Co. Vegetation Control
Susan Hinkle, Chelan Co. Dep. Prosecuting Atty.

Open Meeting – Board Chair Ken Bauer called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Consent Agenda

Action Item: Dirk Veleke moved and James Johnson seconded the motion to approve minutes of the Sept. 10 2013 meeting, as corrected. The motion passed with one abstension.

Nominations 2014

Ken Bauer opened the meeting for nominations.

Fred Smith nominated Dirk Veleke as Chair and Dirk Veleke nominated Fred Smith as Vice Chair.

Action Item: Joe Grentz moved and James Johnson seconded the motion to close nominations.

The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Dirk Veleke moved and Joe Grentz seconded the motion to elect the officers for the 2014 calendar year.

The motion passed unanimously.

Coordinator Report

1. Mike Mackey recognized Nancy Redlin, Chelan County Vegetation Control Technician with the Public Works Department, for her effort and contributions to weed management on County ROWs. He then introduced Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary, WA ST Dept. Ag. Noxious Weed Control Board and Greg Haubrich, Noxious Weed Coordinator, WA ST Dept. Agriculture.

- Allison reported the 2014 State Noxious Weed List is final. There are several new members on the State Noxious Weed Control Board and she will be working closely with the new State NW Board Chair, Tony Stadelman to review RCW 17.10 with the possibility of seeking some minor amendments for 2015.
- Greg described the successful control of Spartina marine grass, once commonly found in Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor and Puget Sound, using the chemical imazapyr. The Department has accomplished more with fewer dollars including the continuing their support of the Crupina Control project in Chelan County.

2. 2013 Accomplishments

Mike Mackey reviewed the 2013 Accomplishments Report emphasizing special projects and surveys including (Domke Lake-Eurasian watermilfoil, (2) Puncturevine inventory and outreach with a Spanish translation brochure paid for by the State Noxious Weed Board and (3) Musk thistle survey. Discussion followed.

3. Draft Policies

Mike Mackey presented drafts of Policy 14-1 Right of Entry and 14-2 Control of Class B & C Weeds on Rights of Way for approval.

Action Item: Fred Smith moved and Dirk Veleke seconded the motion to accept Policy 14-1. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Fred Smith moved and Dirk Veleke seconded the motion to accept Policy 14-2. Discussion followed. The motion passed as amended with one nay vote.

4. Noxious Weed 2014 Budget

Action Item: Dirk Veleke moved and Joe Greutz seconded the motion to accept the 2014 Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Ken Bauer adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm

Next meeting date: March 11 at 1:30pm