

Chelan County
Noxious Weed Control Board
Meeting Minutes June 10, 2014

Board Members

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

NW Dept. Staff & Guests

Mike Mackey, NW Control, Coordinator
Jean Postlethwaite, Office Assistant
Susan Hinkle, Chelan County
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Open Meeting – Board Chair Dirk Veleke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Consent Agenda

1. Motion to approve minutes for the March 11th Board meeting. Fred Smith moved and Ken Bauer seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Coordinator Report

1. The Lake Chelan Crupina Control work received an unexpected boost when a major land owner signed a 'Permission to Enter' form allowing crews access to previously untreated property in the project area and a major forest fire cleared a large area. A 10-day tour this year with two 8-person crews treated a much larger area than in previous years. Noxious Weed Dept. staff persons Kelley Carlson and Tayna Russell surveyed and treated private property, Terry Lillybridge set up and recorded photo plots.
2. The Noxious Weed Inter-fund of \$10,000 covers treatment and follow-up on County-owned property and areas Public Works cannot spray in coordination with the Nancy Redlin, Public Works Vegetation Management.
3. Difficult Cases
 - a. Miller – Property owner called has agreed to develop a weed management plan to be administered by a neighbor.
 - b. Cullen – Efforts to elicit control have proven unsuccessful; the owner does not respond to mail and phone messages have been unanswered. Mike presented the Board with a draft letter he will send Mr. Cullen. Unless the owner acts this week, we will begin legal proceedings in consultation with Susan Hinkle. Mike will review the case with Dirk, the Board Chair in accordance with Board Policy.
4. Grants
 - Dept. of Natural Resources – Two grants have been returned to DNR for final signature. \$29,481 and \$20,362 aquatics survey in the Columbia River and Lake Chelan.
 - Dept. of Agriculture – Wild four o'clock control has been signed
 - WA State Weed Board – survey and leaving door hangers on implemented, sprayed Class A Wild four o'clock, sent out permission forms, surveyed and provided educational material to

- a larger area around Wild four o'clock sites.
- Dept. of Agriculture grant for inventory of yellow hawkweed along Stevens just starting and working with King Co. and DOT. Terry Lillybridge will be surveying and help to control Houndstongue in Union Valley.
- WA State Dept. of Ecology - Grant has been approved and the permit application has been submitted to the Dept. of Ecology. A dry formula chemical will be applied late summer or fall, this is all contract work. Mike is working with NOAA Fisheries on the chemical to be used Trilocolpyr TEA. The County Commissioners are fully supportive of the project. The project window set by F&W July-Dec. Late Aug. to early Sept. Discussion followed. No decisions were made.
- Total grant funding is approximately \$128,900.

5. Change in work plan due to medical concerns and personal family concerns. Discussion followed.

Other Reports - None

Board Member Round Table

Dirk suggested Mike look into purchasing sprayer with a 100 gallon tank, 300 feet of hose and an electric reel. Discussion followed; Mike will price check and provide costs to the board for consideration.

Meeting Adjourned

Ken Bauer moved and Fred Smith seconded the motion to close the meeting.

Board Chair, Dirk Veleke adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

The next meeting will be Sept. 9, 2014 at 6:30pm