

Chelan County
Noxious Weed Control Board
Meeting Minutes February 13, 2018

Board Members

Fred Smith
Joe Grentz
Ken Bauer

NW Dept. Staff & Guests

Mike Mackey, NW Coordinator
Jean Postlethwaite - Recorder
Tayna Russell, NW
Nancy Redlin – Public Works Roadside
Vegetation Mgr

Open Meeting: Board Chair Fred Smith opened the meeting at 1:38 pm

Action items

1. The minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting were presented; Nancy Redlin asked that the comments attributed to her during the Round Table be redacted. Ken Bauer moved and Joe Grentz seconded a motion to approve minutes of the December 12, 2017 meeting as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Fred Smith opened public hearing to approve the 2018 Chelan County Noxious Weed List.

Mike had no additional information relative to the list. There was no discussion and no public testimony.

Fred Smith closed the Public Hearing.

3. Action: Ken Bauer moved and Joe Grentz seconded the motion to accept the County Noxious Weed List as presented.

Coordinator Report

1. Upcoming Events Feb. 20 Weed Certification Workshop 8-4pm, at the Confluence Technology Center. Also at the Confluence Technology Center will be the meeting for the Upper Columbia (CAWMP) Aquatic Coordinated Weed Management Plan March 12; and Julie and Mike will be attending a Flowering Rush Seminar in Airway Heights presented by the Invasive Species Council. Discussion followed.
2. New Hire Interviews – Interviews begin Wednesday February 14 and will interview 5 candidates.
3. Grant Requests – We are entering the 2nd year of the WA ST Ecology grant; there is new money for Crupina with the Regional Forest supporting 2 crews at \$8,000 per crew and the local FS District providing transportation. We also have a Rush Skeletonweed grant

funded by the WSDA in two areas--Stayman Flats and along the Okanogan County boundary. Discussion followed.

4. Planning – BLM has \$50,000 to be used for the benefit BLM and private lands. We will be cooperating with 10-12 agencies in the Wenatchee Foothills area to spray Whitetop on private property, property owned by Chelan-Douglas Land Trust and Bureau of Land Management. We will perform the survey work and any chemical application will be provided through contract services.
5. Training – Staff will be completing all required training including Heat Exposure, Workplace Harassment, Defensive Driving.
6. WA ST Coordinators Workshop in Chelan – Julie and Mike will be attending this in Chelan March 7th.
7. Proposed changes to Mission Statement – Mike introduced the proposed mission statement for consideration. It reads as follows:

“It is the mission of the Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board to promote compliance with the Washington State Noxious Weed Laws RCW 17.10 and WAC 16-750 through education, technical assistance, and enforcement, when necessary, to protect the agricultural lands and natural resources of Chelan County.”

8. Joe moved and Ken seconded a motion to approve the Mission Statement as proposed.

Board Members Roundtable

Joe Greutz introduced Palmer amaranth *Amaranthus palmaris* as a ‘monster pigweed’ and prolific seed producer. Nancy added it is established in Mills Canyon and is present in riparian areas in the County. Fred asked for pictures of the plant’s stages and the Board reviewed the entry in Weeds of the West. Discussion followed.

Nancy asked if the Board in conversations with orchardists suggest that orchard workers might be assigned to remove the weeds between the ROW and orchard.

Meeting Adjourned

Joe moved and Ken seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm.

Next meeting date will be Tuesday June 12 at 6:30pm