

**Chelan County**  
**Noxious Weed Control Board**  
Meeting Minutes June 12, 2018

**Board Members**

Fred Smith  
Joe Grentz  
Ken Bauer  
Dirk Veleke

**NW Dept. Staff & Guests**

Mike Mackey, NW Coordinator  
Jean Postlethwaite - Recorder  
Julie Sanderson – Field Supervisor  
Raylene Dowell – Office Administrator

**Open Meeting:** Board Chair Fred Smith opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

**Action items**

1. The minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting were presented. Joe Grentz moved and Ken Bauer seconded a motion to approve minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coordinator Report**

1. Open Public Meetings Act Training video was viewed by Board Members present.
2. Education Schedule – Julie presented an overview of the summer outreach activities including Farmers Markets in Leavenworth and Wenatchee at Pybus Public Market, Salmon Festival in September, the Outdoor Sportsman Show and Recertification Workshop. She is also especially busy in the winter and early spring months giving presentations. Finally we continue to distribute the Field Guides of Eastern Washington to local retail and wholesale outlets. Dirk asked if we could attend the Chelan Farmers Markets. Both Joe and Dirk asked for weed booklets to distribute to local wholesale businesses.
3. Field Work – Mike commended the staff, each contributing knowledge, passion and commitment to the mission of the Noxious Weed Board. He introduced the newest staff members. Julie described the field work area assignments. Mike surveys in the north County, Jenna Eardley is the Knotweed Coordinator and west County inspector, Megan is a seasonal employee helping Jenna with the Knotweed Control program. Julie is also the inspector for Wenatchde, Malaga, Stemilt and greater Wenatchee. Discussion followed. Julie created a vehicle use schedule to allow equal use of trucks throughout the County.
4. Grants – Mike reviewed the status of our grant funded projects. Approximately \$95,000 of unused funds are available to use. Fifteen hundred dollars is left to be used for Crupina report writing and follow-up work .We recently received \$23,000 from Ecology

and more work in the Columbia will be done in September and will be funded by Ecology. The remainder consists of WSDA money in several small grants for miscellaneous weeds.

5. Budget – Our balance to date is approximately \$107,000. It is sufficient to allow us to pursue our 5-year plan.
6. New employees – Raylene introduced herself to the Board and described her background and interest in working now for the Noxious Weed Board as the Office Administrator and Fund Account Manager. Tayna Russell who has moved to the Salmon Recovery Board will continue to help as needed training Raylene and Jenna to manage the Knotweed Program.
7. The Executive Secretary for the State Noxious Weed Control Board has left and is now working for the Conservation Board. Discussion followed regarding the status of the State Weed Law and effort to rewrite the law.

#### **Board Members Roundtable**

Joe asked about Continuing Education with respect to the incoming new County Commissioner. Joe commended the staff on the job with outreach and education utilizing the weed booklets. Discussion also included Board attendance and what can be done to encourage regularly.

#### **Meeting Adjourned**

Joe Grentz moved and Ken Bauer seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

***Next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30pm.***