

Chelan County  
Noxious Weed Control Board  
Meeting Minutes September 10, 2019

**Board Members**

Fred Smith  
Ken Bauer  
Joe Greutz  
Dirk Veleke  
Jim Johnson

**Dept. Staff & Guests**

Julie Sanderson, Coordinator  
Adam Pfleeger- –Field Supervisor  
Raylene Dowell- Recorder

**Open Meeting** Fred Smith, Chair opened the meeting at 6:26p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the June 11, 2019 meetings were presented. Dirk Veleke moved and Joe Greutz seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Coordinator Report**

1. Julie Sanderson, Coordinator explained the budget deficit due to an over estimate of the assessments, over estimate of grants funds, Mike's retirement payout, underestimate of medical and dental benefits and the purchase of the new truck. Julie has turned in the Budget Certificate for 2020, with revenues and balances in check the weed department should end 2020 with a balance of over \$8,000. Julie recommended raising the assessment after 2020 to \$8 and up to \$9 over a 5yrs period to accommodate the increase in costs of doing business. Joe Greutz voiced concern over raising taxes. Discussion ensued.
2. Julie gave an update on the current grants. Staff will be seeking a Department of Ecology grant for Purple Loosestrife at Fish Lake in Lake Wenatchee.
3. The Flowering Rush contract with Department of Ecology is finishing up. The grant has enough funds to cover the expenses of the diver for this year. Okanogan County has discovered new Flowering Rush sites located up north on the Columbia River.
4. Knotweed progress – Jenna and Megan made great progress on knotweed this season. We have a new grant with WSDA in the amount of \$25,000 to be used over the next two seasons to continue the knotweed project.

5. Ravenna grass letters went out on August 1<sup>st</sup>. New cases are being discovered throughout the county. We are surveying to ensure compliance of property owners for this noxious weed.
6. Field work general and puncturevine - Gabe Svobodny surveyed many neighborhoods for PV and performed follow-up visits to insure compliance. We sent a large number of non-compliance letters with an overall good follow-up response to the letters.
7. Community outreach farmers markets – There are two more farmers markets this September one in Wenatchee and one in Leavenworth. Staff attended farmers markets in Chelan, Leavenworth and Wenatchee this year. We will have a booth at the Salmon Festival at the fish hatchery in Leavenworth later this month.
8. Staff hours reduction - Jenna and Raylene have reduced their hours to 30 hours per week for the winter season starting in this month. Adam will reduce his hours to 30 hours per week for three months this winter. The reduction in staff hours will help with the budget deficit.
9. Meeting schedule- A meeting schedule change was discussed to accommodate the timing of the adoption of the state weed list. Discussion ensued; a meeting schedule change will be on the agenda for the December meeting.
10. Weed List- Changes to the weed list were discussed. The board will vote to change the select weed list at the December meeting.

Next meeting date: December 10, 2019 1:30 p.m.

Dirk Veleke made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ken Bauer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.