

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2020
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Joe Grentz (phone)
Fred Smith (phone)
Dirk Veleke (phone)

Board Members Absent

Ken Bauer
Jim Johnson

Others Present

Jenna Eardley, CCNWCB Field Surveyor (phone)
Julie Sanderson, CCNWCB Coordinator
Tayna Russell, CCNWCB Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Board Chair Joe Grentz.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the September 8th regular meeting. *Fred Smith motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Dirk Veleke seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Budget & Grant Status

Julie Sanderson reviewed the revenue & expenditure status reports with the Board. As of December 7th, 77% of the total budget has been spent for 2020 and we are 91% through the year. We are sticking to the budget and doing well. On the revenue side, the assessment came in at \$387,000 for 2020, which is very close to the projected amount of \$390,000, so there was no large increase in delinquent taxes.

Julie then gave an update on grant funding, in-hand and pending. We received approval for the \$25,000 BLM grant we applied for last spring. This funding will go toward 2 years of work on the Sleepy Hollow burn area. But so far we have no new signed agreements in-hand and we still haven't even seen a request for proposals from WSDA for the new knotweed funding for 2021-2023.

2. Education & Outreach

Usually this time of year Julie gets requests from various organizations to do presentations, however the COVID pandemic has caused many events to be cancelled. However, she did participate in a webinar presentation on forest weed species for WSU Online Forest Field Day in October and is also scheduled to do a presentation for the WSU Master Gardener Program next February.

3. Recertification Workshop

Julie then brought the Board up to speed on the annual Recertification Workshop to take place in February 2021. The Workshop will be presented via webinar next year with the help of Dale Whaley from WSU Extension. There will be 4 presentations totaling 4 credits toward pesticide license recertification. Bruce Olson with WSDA and Mark Eylar from Kittitas County Weed Board have agreed to do presentations. Chelan County Weed Board staff will also give presentations. The workshop will be offered free of charge this year. Julie will send Board members an invitation to join the Webinar in late January.

4. Weed List Proposed Changes

Julie went over the proposed 2021 Chelan County Noxious Weed List. The State Weed Board held their annual public hearing in November to vote on 2021 Noxious Weed List additions and designation changes. The following changes were made:

- Turkish thistle added as new Class A noxious weed
- Status of Ravenna grass changed from non-designate to designate
- Scientific name changed on 5 Class B designates

Julie asked if the board had any additional changes. The Board discussed adding babysbreath to the Chelan County Weed List. Dirk proposed the addition of babysbreath as a Class C selected for control in Chelan County. All board members voted in favor. In March the board will vote to approve the list.

5. Open Board Position Wenatchee/Malaga

The Board then discussed the open board position in Weed District 1, Wenatchee/Malaga. Julie said she contacted Jeff Heath, director of Field Services for Stemilt. He said he would forward Julie's message to Stemilt field staff to help find someone to fill the Board position. We will wait and see if Jeff comes up with anyone. If not, we will need to advertise the position in the spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

The Board excused staff and convened an executive session for the Coordinator's 2020 performance evaluation. After a 10-minute discussion, *Fred motioned to adjourn the session. Dirk seconded. The motion carried.*

BOARD MEMBERS ROUNDTABLE

The board had nothing further to discuss and thanked Julie for her updates.

ADJOURN MEETING

Dirk motioned to adjourn the meeting. Fred seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.