

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2022
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Jerrid Higgins
Joe Grentz
Mary Hill

Board Members Absent

Kirk Laird
Jim Johnson

Others Present

Adam Pfleeger, CCNWCB Field Supervisor
Jenna Medlar, CCNWCB Field Surveyor
Tayna Russell, CCNWCB Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by *Board Chair Joe Grentz.*

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the September 13th regular meeting. *Mary Hill motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Joe seconded. The motion carried.*

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Budget report & grant status

Adam Pfleeger gave an update on the current budget. We are at 82% expenditures and we are 95% through the year so we are under budget. Discussion followed.

Adam briefed the board on recent grant project activities and funding. Adam presented a few maps to show the progress made this season on the Knotweed Control Project and the Tree of Heaven Survey Project. Joe asked if the Park Service is involved with the Stehekin knotweed work. Jenna Medlar said the Park Service did a comprehensive survey in 2021 and has been cooperating with the Weed Board on the control work. New Board Member, Jerrid Higgins, asked about the survey extent as it pertains to private property. Jenna said surveys only extend to the end of roads. Private land was not entered without landowner notification. Discussion followed.

2. Education and outreach

Adam reviewed recent education and outreach activities. Although the busy season is over we are always working on getting the message out to the public about noxious weeds. Julie Sanderson gave a presentation in November on noxious weeds for the Wenatchee Naturalists class at Wenatchee Valley College. Jenna just completed a brochure for Ravenna grass alternatives. Staff are also working on preparing various media outreach materials for 2023.

3. Recertification Workshop

Adam discussed the annual Recertification Webinar to be hosted by the Weed Board on February 15, 2023. Staff are already preparing their presentations and getting applicators signed up for the free workshop. Adam will present on wild four o'clock and Jenna will present on poison hemlock. In addition, there will be 4 guest presenters to talk about various noxious weed control topics.

4. Weed List changes

Adam asked the Board to review and discuss the Chelan County Noxious Weed Select List. The State Weed Board proposed to add feral holly as a class C in 2023. Adam recommended not adding feral holly to the County Select List as it has not been reported in Chelan County, nor have any of our surveyors seen it in the County. Adam also proposed the removal of green alkanet from the Select List as it is another plant that has not yet been reported or seen by staff in Chelan County. The board agreed on a draft 2023 Chelan County Noxious Weed Select list, it will remain the same as 2022 besides the removal of green alkanet, to be voted on in the next meeting.

Adam also brought up the idea of removing very common weeds from the select list, including diffuse knapweed, whitetop (hoary cress) & babysbreath. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board excused staff and convened an executive session for the Coordinator's 2022 performance evaluation.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

No discussion.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mary motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joe seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 1:30 p.m.

Follow-Up Items:

None