

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
1:30 pm Tuesday, March 8th, 2022
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Dirk Veleke (phone)
Jim Johnson
Mary Hill (phone)
Kirk Laird (phone)

Board Members Absent

Joe Grentz

Others Present

Adam Pfleeger, CCNWCB Field Supervisor (phone)
Jenna Medlar, CCNWCB Field Surveyor
Julie Sanderson, CCNWCB Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by **Coordinator, Julie Sanderson (Requested by Vice Chairman, Dirk Veleke due to communication difficulties)**

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the December 14th regular meeting. *Dirk Veleke motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Johnson seconded the motion to approve. The motion carried.*

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

The hearing was opened to get input from the public on the proposed Chelan County Noxious Weed List.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

No one commented on the weed list and the hearing was closed at 1:32 pm by Julie.

REOPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board reviewed the following proposed changes to the 2022 Chelan County Noxious Weed List:

- Add hanging sedge as new Class B Designate
- Add rough chervil as new Class B Designate
- Add wild basil as new Class B Designate
- Add common tansy as new County Select

- Add green alkanet as new County Select
- Add wild carrot as new County Select

Julie asked if there were any questions or concerns about the changes to be made on the weed list. Discussion followed. These changes will be posted to our website soon.

Dirk Veleke motioned to adopt the 2022 Chelan County Noxious Weed List as proposed. Kirk Laird seconded the motion to adopt. The motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Board Member Term Expirations

Julie welcomed the 2 newest board members, Mary and Kirk. Their term will be 2022-2026. Current board members' (Joe, Dirk, and Jim) terms will expire in 2024.

2. Budget Report and Grant Status

Julie gave an update on the budget...Discussion followed.

Assessment money is coming in now and looking good so far. Several grants are continuing. Jim asked about the Ravenna grass grant money used in house or contracted for the work done. Julie confirmed it has been done in house. Dirk asked the same for the whitetop grant and Julie confirmed that a contractor has been hired.

3. Virtual Recertification Workshop (February 23rd)

70 registered people watched our workshop and we received several positive comments on the presentations. Julie summarized speakers and their presentations. Noted that the workshop was worth 4 credits for people with herbicide licenses.

4. Coordinator's Meeting and State Weed Board Virtual Meeting

Next week is the State Weed Coordinators' Conference, March 16-18. It is being held both in person and virtually this year. The 16th is the State Weed Board meeting, they meet every other month. Dirk is one of the State Weed Board members as well.

5. Field Season Preparations

Field season is starting next week! The local newspapers have been informed about our start of the season work. Megan Whitmore will come back earlier this season and start May 1st to help with Tree-of-Heaven (TOH) surveys. Due to our previously done surveys, the state is prioritizing our County to do further survey for TOH. This is in addition to their standards of factors that make our area a "hot spot" for TOH. This will likely produce future funding for surveys and mapping processes.

6. Upcoming Education & Outreach

Same as the past, attending farmer's markets throughout the County. Julie and Jenna presented for the Master Gardeners' workshop last month. Julie will be doing weed ID presentations for the Cascadia Conservation District and the Chelan Douglas Land Trust Weed Class. We will also start delivering our weed booklets around the County at the end of this month. They are popular and we have to replenish a few times a season.

7. Open Public Meetings Training Requirements

According to the RCW, Board members need to view an Open Public Meetings training video, either in person or online virtually. It is required every 4 years and should be completed by the end of this month.

Julie discussed the current status of the Washington Department of Transportation right-of-way assessment. We are working with Ray Willard and Mary Fee for this protocol. We should have more information next time we meet.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Dirk welcomed the 2 new board members and encouraged the members to follow the State Weed Boards meetings and website, he is willing to help with that process. Douglas County does not have a weed board currently, but Dirk is on the subcommittee along with Dale Whaley, Mark Eylar from Kittitas County Noxious Weed Board and Greg Haubrich with WSDA, to do a baseline survey of Douglas County to inform the State Weed Board of the need for a Douglas County weed board.

ADJOURN MEETING

Kirk Laird motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Follow-Up Items:

- *Mary asked about Douglas Co. to be included on the TOH program?*
- *See if Master Gardeners would be willing to look at nurseries to check for noxious weeds? To then help us focus on education/enforcement action at specific places.*
- *Set up a link online and make a meeting March 16th at 10 am (tentatively) for an in-house conference room video. Have Tayna ready to set it up for them.*
- *Update our website with new board member contact information.*