

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 13th, 2022
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Joe Grentz
Mary Hill
Kirk Laird

Board Members Absent

Jim Johnson

Others Present

Jerrid Higgins
Julie Sanderson, CCNWCB Coordinator
Tayna Russell, CCNWCB Office Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Joe Grentz.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the June 14th regular meeting. *Kirk Laird motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mary Hill seconded. The motion carried.*

ACTION ITEMS

Jerrid Higgins gave a brief summary of his agricultural experience and his education background in integrated weed management. Joe Grentz gave a short rundown on the history and purpose of the Noxious Weed Board and the role of Board Members. Discussion followed.

Joe motioned to recommend Jerrid Higgins to the County Commissioners for a position on the Board. Kirk seconded. The motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Budget report

Julie Sanderson gave an update on the 2023 draft budget. The medical, dental and tort claim budget lines increased this year, as they do every year. A few other expenses increased, including communication, travel and truck maintenance.

As far as the current (2022) budget, we're about 66% through the year. All in all, we are on track with expenditures. Revenues are lagging a little because we have grant reimbursement requests to submit next month.

2. Grant updates

Julie updated the board on recent grant project activities and current grant funding. Discussion followed.

3. Field season progress

Julie summarized recent field season activities, including the knotweed project and the ongoing battle with puncturevine. Discussion followed.

4. Tree-of-Heaven project

Staff have done extensive surveys of Tree-of-Heaven this season and the work will be ongoing through October. This work is made possible with grant funding from WSDA.

5. Education and outreach

Julie gave an update on recent education and outreach activities. Julie will be doing a weed presentation with the Wenatchee Naturalists coming up in November. We will also be starting to organize speakers for the Noxious Weed Board's annual Weed Management Recertification Workshop in February of 2023.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The Board members discussed getting volunteers to help out with weed control in the County. Julie brought up the Goathead Warriors and the thorough job they're doing of pulling puncturevine along the Apple Capital Loop Trail. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

Follow-Up Items:

None