

Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2023
412 Washington St.
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Board Members Present

Joe Grentz
Jerrid Higgins
Mary Hill
Jim Johnson
Kirk Laird

Board Members Absent

Others Present

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m. by *Board Chair Joe Grentz.*

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft minutes for the December 13, 2022 regular meeting. *Mary Hill motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Kirk Laird seconded. 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 from the public commented on the weed list and the hearing was closed at 1:40 pm.

REOPEN BOARD MEETING

The Board discussed and reviewed the following proposed change to the 2023 Chelan County Noxious Weed List:

- Remove green alkanet as County select

Mary motioned to adopt the 2023 Chelan County Noxious Weed List as proposed. Joe seconded the motion to adopt. The motion carried.

Julie Sanderson discussed the proposed assessment for State DOT rights-of-way. Julie said the DOT has been very cooperative. *Kirk motioned that the Board support the proposed assessment. The Board voted unanimously in support.* Julie said March 27th will be the date for the Commissioners' hearing on the proposal.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

1. Board Member term expirations

Julie announced that Joe Grentz, Jim Johnson and Jerrid Higgins' terms expire in April of 2024. Julie asked that if any Board member is not planning to continue, to give plenty of notice as it takes time to recruit new Board members. Julie talked about SHB 1355 (2021) that now has more specific language about procedures for applying to a Board position. Joe (Cashmere) said he will not continue with the Board after his term has

expired. Jim (Entiat) said he will also be leaving at the end of his term. Julie asked that if Joe or Jim know of anyone who would be interested in serving on the Board, to please let her know.

2. Budget report and grant updates

Julie Sanderson gave an update on the current budget. Julie said we would expect to be at about 16% of expenses at this time of year and we are overall at about 12% of our budget, so we are currently sitting at slightly under budget.

As far as revenues, Julie went over grant funding the Weed Board expects to receive this year. Julie also discussed her goal to achieve a 6-month reserve in revenue. After nearly 4 years, this goal was finally achieved this year. Discussion followed.

3. Virtual recertification class in February

Julie said our recertification class went well. 62 people joined the online course and we received good feedback from attendees.

4. Coordinator's meeting and State Weed Board Meeting

Julie will attend the Weed Coordinator's Conference in Chelan again this year, which takes place March 15-17 this year. Julie added there are always lots of good updates at the conference, including what's happening with the State Legislature.

5. Field season preparations

Staff are busy gearing up for the field season, even though some areas still have snow. General weed reminders go out April 1st. The annual announcement for the field season already went out. Megan Whitmore will be back again this year as our seasonal field surveyor.

6. Education & outreach

Julie reviewed recent education and outreach activities. Jenna shared a booth with Chelan County Community Planning at the Building NCW Home Show in February. Julie, Jenna and Adam presented a weed identification course at the Master Gardener training this February.

As far as upcoming public events, Julie will be doing a noxious weed identification training in June for the Chelan Douglas Land Trust. This event was held at the Saddle Rock Trailhead last year and received good attendance. The Weed Board is also signed up for 10 farmers markets and 2 Earth Day events this year in Chelan and Leavenworth.

7. Open Public Meetings training

Two Board members are due for OPM training this year. The training will be offered at the end of the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

Joe thanked Julie as an exceptional Coordinator for the Weed Board. Julie thanked Joe for his invaluable service on the Board over the years, including the large role he played in establishing the Noxious Weed Board 37 years ago.

ADJOURN MEETING

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th at 7 p.m.

Follow-Up items:

None