

**Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup> 2024, 4:00 pm**  
**412 Washington St.**  
**Wenatchee, WA 98801**

**Board Members Present**

Mary Hill  
Jerrid Higgins (by Zoom)  
Julie Sanderson

**Board Members Absent**

Kirk Laird

**Others Present**

Adam Pfleeger, Coordinator, CCNWCB  
Jenna Medlar, Field Supervisor, CCNWCB

**The meeting was called to order at 4:12 pm by Mary Hill.**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board members reviewed the draft minutes for the September 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 regular meeting. *Julie Sanderson motioned to approve the September minutes as presented. Mary Hill seconded. The motion carried.*

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**1. Budget report and Grant Status**

Adam Pfleeger gave an update on the Weed Board's current grant agreements and future grant funding requests. End of season reports are being submitted for the WSDA Knotweed program and the BLM multi-weed project. Proposals have been submitted with the Department of Ecology for Garden loosestrife and Title II funds for Crupina on Lake Chelan. Discussion followed.

Adam reviewed the expenditure and revenue status reports with the board members. Board members asked for clarification about a couple line items on the expenditure status report. Discussion followed.

Adam announced that the resolution for the noxious weed assessment increase was approved by the Chelan County Commissioners. We received 99% of our noxious weed assessment this year, which is continuing to be very good compared to previous years. Discussions followed.

**2. Education and Outreach**

Adam went over recent education and outreach activities, including a presentation he gave to the community college naturalist class. Jenna and Adam gave presentations for the Grant County Master Gardeners' class.

The Board of County Commissioners will recognize past Noxious Weed Board members, Joe Greutz and Jim Johnson, for their years of service to the Weed Board. It will be held at the first meeting of the year at 9 am on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2025. Discussion followed.

**3. Recertification Workshop**

The Weed Board's annual Weed Management Recertification Workshop will be held by webinar again on January 22<sup>nd</sup> between 8-12 via Zoom. Four speakers are lined up to present on various noxious weed topics, including wild carrot, goatheads, Eurasian watermilfoil, Biocontrol in Chelan and herbicide recommendations

for noxious weed control. Adam invited the board members to attend and we will add them to our email list for future classes. Conversation ensued about interest in the topics. Adam then mentioned that Dale Whaley with WSU has retired and they are seeking a replacement for him.

#### **4. Weed List Changes**

Weed Board staff attended the annual Washington State Weed Conference last month. Adam reviewed the State Weed Board's process for making changes to the noxious weed list. The changes proposed for Chelan County will be the addition of 2 new class A weeds: round leaf bittersweet and marsh thistle. Adam explained that neither of these weeds are known to be present in our county so it won't affect our work at this time. Adam discussed how the State Weed Board is also considering adding holly (wild holly) as a class C weed with exemptions for plants found in managed landscapes, or where commercially or agriculturally grown, but further discussion is needed for that recommendation from the State. This plant is only in limited sites in Chelan County and hasn't shown the capability of going "feral" due to our semi-arid climate. Discussion continued.

#### **5. Board member vacancy for at-large District B**

Adam asked Board members to think about people they might know who would be interested in filling the vacant position for at-large District B. Discussion followed.

Adam suggested doing another PR announcement through the County's Public Information Officer this spring. Board members will consider people they know and will contact our office to send out information.

Adam stated he will be completing 2024 employee evaluations next week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Julie motioned and Mary Hill seconded to move the meeting into executive session. Motion carried.* The board excused staff and convened on an executive session for the Coordinator's 2024 performance evaluation.

### **BOARD MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

The Board discussed topics including retired board members and the process for selecting a new chairperson. The board proposed that in March of each year there should be a discussion regarding maintaining the current chairperson or nominating a new one.

The upcoming Weed Management Recertification Workshop was discussed and Adam, since going to a webinar platform, attendance has increased and, thus, we will continue to offer the free course via Zoom going forward.

Adam is conversing with Chelan PUD on tree-of-heaven work along waterfront areas. They need a permit to complete such work in these areas (waterfront/riparian). Concern about the homeless encampment near tree-of-heaven sites was discussed and Adam updated on the procedure for those situations. Tree-of-heaven can be treated through the fall and winter if the trees are not frozen, therefore, noxious weed staff plan to treat a site in Malaga this month.

### **ADJOURN MEETING**

*Mary motioned and Julie seconded to adjourn the meeting.*

**The meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.**