

NOXIOUS WEED Board MEETING
April 10, 2025, Video Meeting / In-person
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMEBERS Present:

Nicole Swarts
Todd Peplin

Joe Mauti

Lorena Brown

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Kevin Moriarty
Kelli Candella

Lauren Street

Thad Grudzien

Minutes

Minutes March 13, 2025, M/S/C.

Review 2025 Noxious Weed List

Changes made pursuant to March minutes – M/S/C.

Outreach Material:

Boot brushes purchased, given out during AG Show. The mussel display is not available to obtain more.

Photos of weeds to be ordered by Lauren, please send your photos as soon as possible, goal to have then ordered/received for Home & Garden show.

Flyers – make additional flyers for Orange hawkweed, Myrtle spurge, Yellow floating heart.

Sign up for volunteer period of time for Home & Garden show, May 2 -4, 2025.

Weed press, Lorena will make weed pressed display, currently no flowing samples available. Binder suggestion for pressed weeds, categorized as A, B and C classifications.

Event: Upper Watershed River clean-up event, trailer will be at the event. La Pine Rhubarb event, and Deschutes County Fair, still need volunteers to fill time slots. Lauren will resend the link to sign up.

Roundtable:

Nicole – weed team started again, pulled weeds and trash along highway; spraying cheatgrass.

Lorena – still much uncertainty within department due to federal policies.

Kevin M – preparing reports for OWEB Grant funding, filing for extension. Hoary alyssum treatment.

Todd – not very busy on the weed front. COID land thinning and reseeding.

Joe – transition from fire to weed work. Two new Turf & Ornamental applicator licensed hires. Himalayan blackberry found at Sawyer Park, monitoring and jumping on mechanical treatment of blackberry. Found at the river below Mt. Bachelor Village. If anyone discovers area of Himalayan blackberry, please take Photo and share location.

Meeting Schedule Next meeting is May 8, 2025. In person, Deschutes County Road Department – 61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97702 – Virtual option will be available.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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