

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2015
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Marlo Fisher Sasha Sulia Kelsi Josi Randall Brady
Jerry Rood Christina Veverka

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and OTHERS Present:

Jon Valley – Deschutes Co. Ed Keith – Deschutes Co. Kelli Candella- Deschutes Co.
Glen Warren Cheryl Howard Rick Stubblefield – DCRD
Erik Johnson – DCRD Sherri Grief – Git Er Done Goats

MINUTES

Minutes for October 8 and November 12, 2015 minutes approved M/S/C.

Old Business

Educational items update:

Christina reported that Knappy Tattoos have been ordered should be in next week (please send some to Cheryl Howard) Aquatic Invasive weed tattoos are also available.

PDF version of a coloring book was sent to Ed to be uploaded to Weed web site, Christina will bring some to next meeting. ODA Spike Magnets are completely out. Need to get silk weed displays from ODA.

Christina mentioned an App available on App Store called “Play it Smart,” download to iPad and have available in Weed Wagon. Youth Move Oregon are a group of young computer techies that create apps, inquire about an Invasive Species App or something that Board can use in their educational pieces. Sherri Grief stated that she has connections with this group.

Native Seed bags – These have been made up, still need to be labeled with list of plants, Forest Service employee’s will label as time allows, looking at adding instruction label. Ready to go in January, funds provided through Public funds therefore thought was that they could be made available to Public through educational means. Ed has list of available seeds from Seed Bank.

Jon Valley passed out a Knap Weed handout, some suggestions were made on enlarging photos, maybe making it a two-sided handout, Jon will make changes and bring to next meeting.

Enforcement: Currently complaints are received by email or phone to Ed Keith. Discussion on moving from complaint base to a more systematic approach, Ed gave some statistics on lots and at this time the systematic approach is not feasible without redirecting time that is currently being used for education and outreach and landowner technical and cost share support. Klamath County is currently using a system that does not rely on complaints. Discussion regarding the general public is not aware of the process for weed based complaints, or formal complaint. Broader level of awareness is necessary regarding how a complaint is taken in, what process is and most importantly that no names are disclosed until complaint goes all the way through to a fine, and then becomes public record. Suggestion made to have complaint form available on-line and easier to find, Ed will look into making this easier to access.

Weed Wagon: Wagon needs to be repainted and renamed. Cost for repaint is \$2,000 - \$2500. ODA will put in money for restoration and would like to be included in the graphics. They plan on using the wagon more to educate during more events. Crook, Deschutes and ODA will be represented. Proposed new name for wagon: Invasive Species Information Trailer (ISIT) M/S/C

Cheryl will ask Julie Craig if City of Bend has money to add to this project. Update *Let's Pull Together* logo. Inquire with BLM if they would like to be represented on wagon. Change Title of wagon to be *Invasive Species Information Trailer* and circular area changed to read *Oregon Noxious Weed Management* surrounding logos from Deschutes, Crook and ODA.

New Business

Git Er Done Goats – Sherri gave information on the Git Er Done Goats, she currently has 40 goats, has an opportunity for 126 in upcoming year. Well received weed control program. Currently has 5 acres worth of electric netting available. Larger goal is to educate on nature and animals and share information with youth and young adults.

Goats love thistle, do not like mullein and will not eat brown cheat grass. Long term goal is to use goats on forest properties. More information is on their Facebook page. Flyer and business card attached.

Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting set for January 14, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Roundtable

Erik J – working on trucks – on winter maintenance

Jon V – Guys are busy, projects are backed due to weather. Cascade East Vegetation Conference will have turf/ornamental break outs.

Jerry R – new soccer field in La Pine – purchased native seed for land around field

Marlo – project weed prevention. Dealing with Pit Management issues, material sources. Agenda item for another meeting – Pit Issues, maybe have a private pit owner be involved. Cline Butte Pit is a great example of a well-run and managed pit with regards to weed control.

Would like to see a Standardized certification process for pits rather than individual process for each county. Marlo is also working on re-vegetation plans and herbicide prescription for next year.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:01 p.m. NEXT MEETING January 14, 2016

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