

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2016
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Spring Olson	Christina Veverka	Jerry Rood
Julie Craig	Marlo Fisher	Randy Brady
Jason Denev		

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and OTHERS Present:

Jon Valley – Deschutes Co. Ed Keith – Deschutes Co. Kelli Candella- Deschutes Co.

MINUTES

Minutes for January 14, 2016, approved M/S/C.

Old Business

Coloring books, 500 printed, due to two color copy pages the price for each books was costly at \$0.77 each. The PDF file is available for individual print from Website. Magnets – 500 ordered, ready for handout, 2,500 Knapweed color two sided handout, Ed handed out a stack of cards. (see attached) The cost of these were \$0.07 each, if you need more please contact Ed Keith.

Weed wagon update: Jon Valley handed out photos of possible layouts that SignPro can put together. Jon has been working with ODA on ideas for the wagon and if we work with Driving Force Graphics they can design a vinyl graphic that fits on the entire wagon, this allows for more graphics/color. Currently we are looking at having to re-paint trailer at \$1,600, plus the cost of the decals work from SignPro. The vinyl graphic, no repainting is required and the cost would be \$2,200 - \$2,500 so the cost is comparable. Board agreed that they liked to option with the vinyl wrap design. In addition a cover would need to be purchased to keep the trailer, when not in use protected from the elements. Estimated time – vinyl design takes 8 – 10 days to design and put together. Suggestion made to have the vinyl graphic cover show on one-side the verbiage and specific Deschutes County weeds, other side same verbiage but with State weed graphics.

Jon also partnered with PlayCleanGo so we can use their flyers and free giveaways in the wagon (see flyer attached) Due to the partnership, their logo can be used on trailer.

Action Plan

Action Plan 2016 was sent via email to all Board members, no comments or requests for any additions or changes were received. Action Plan is an on-going process, still open for any change. Approved: M/S/C

Deschutes County Fair – need A LOT of volunteers to staff Weed Wagon as Jon Valley will not be available due to son's wedding.

Home & Garden Show – Ed sent sign up list for Board members to work booth, this will be updated and sent to all Board Members via email.

Board members asked if either Jon or Ed can come up with an information sheet for hand out at the fair or part of the Weed Wagon on types of chemicals for spraying weeds. Ed mentioned there are currently Best Management Practices available on the website for common weeds in Deschutes County; knapweed, dalmatian toadflax, orange hawkweed and cheat grass have been posted. BMP's include identification and treatment recommendations following principles of integrated vegetation management. Ed will continue to add to these as time allows. **Recognition:**

The 2015 recipient shall be the *Put a Shine on La Pine* participants, Cathy DeBone and Ann Gawith found a date for Chamber Breakfast, May 20th, Business Owners attend this event. Spring Olson will attend as representative of Weed Board, Jon Valley will be from Deschutes County Road Department, Ed is out of town during this event. This Chamber Breakfast will be sponsored by L & S Gardening and takes place just before the La Pine *Let's Pull Together* event scheduled for June 4th. Discussion on award title, something that will include *Invasive Species* _____ (*Warrior, Eradicator or something similar*), plaque will be wooden in the shape of Deschutes County.

New Business

Jon valley reported on his attending the State Weed Meeting in Salem earlier in the week. He handed out an updated Biological Control flyer from the State. The gentleman that is in charge of the Biological control items is retiring as no new biological controls have been approved for some time. It takes approximately 5 – 8 years before a new bug is approved in Oregon. Cost of approving is \$200,000 to bringing in a new control, testing, and approval, too costly to continue the program.

State funding grants were awarded. 56 applications, requested amount totaled \$1,482,231, total awarded was \$1,268,548 – out of 56 applications 46 were awarded. One grant was awarded for Crooked River Watershed work on Scotch Thistle; this will also include treatment within Deschutes County. Orange hawkweed grant of \$5,000 was awarded, hoping to work with ODA and receive funds earlier, will put out a press release highlighting Orange Hawkweed and work on treatment in early May.

Discussion on Gravel Pit inspection standardization through ODA and County regulations, nothing is currently standardized or even inspected consistently throughout the state. It will be approximately 4 – 5 years before any standard is completed.

Weed List – No new weeds on list at this time per Mike Crumine.

Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting set for March 10, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Roundtable

Julie – not currently in weed stage at this point, gearing up shortly. Will work on letters concerning possible violation/citations very soon.

Christina – nothing to report. Ordered seed, small envelopes and will make up label & seed packets for Weed Wagon next week.

Jon V – currently out spraying, 400 acres of roadside work at this time. Met with ODOT, they will be increasing their budget for weed work. Meeting with Forest Service and BLM for contract work.

Jerry – no start date with district at this time. Typically need to wait until kids are not in school. Too many projects going on, other than weeds. Met with Wes and discussed concern with open spaces created by new school and concerns about weed infestation.

Marlo – Planning stages, met with Mike Crumrine last week. He was helpful planning prescription sites. Met with volunteer that is currently pulling mullein, knapweed and dalmatian toadflax along 18 Road (China Hat Road). He may be willing to help in other areas, trying to recruit other helpers. Bio controls for Canadian Thistle will be out within month.

Randy – looking around and is discouraged with pile up of cinders.

Jason – nothing to report on landscape arena

Spring – has been doing consulting work

