

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2015
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Spring Olson Jason Denev Marlo Fisher Sasha Sulia
Kathy Cushman

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MEMEBERS Present:

Ed Keith Jon Valley Mike Crumine Kelli Candella
Brad Haynes Julie Craig

Guests:

Dan Sherwin, Jerry Rood, Randy Brady, Amy Rosendahl, Jason Gault, Anthony Ortgies, Cheryl Howard

MINUTES

Minutes for January 8, 2015 minutes approved M/S/C.

Old Business:

Update on board members

Ed Keith and Commissioner DeBone interviewed the eight interested people that applied for the three Weed Board Member positions currently open. Please welcome Jerry Rood – Bend La Pine School District; Randy Brady – Homeowners Association and Julie Craig – City of Bend Enforcement. Ed Keith encouraged those that showed interest to attend meetings.

Cascade East Vegetation Management Conference

Jon Valley has submitted for CEU approval from Washington and Oregon, awaiting approval. Based on the classes we should receive 13 hours credit which includes 5 core credit classes.

New Business:

Weed List

Discussion on current Weed List and recommendations for changes for 2015. Questions concerning hoary alyssum – ODA is conducting a risk assessment and considering placement on the State A list. State Weed Board meets next week, will wait until that is completed to finalize Deschutes County Weed List. Mike Crumine mentioned that only one species of yellow floating heart was included and that needs to be broadened to entire genera Nymphoides. Sasha informed the group that Oxeye Daisy is being included in seed packets being sold as native seeds here locally. Mike stated that this is not on the quarantine list.

Montana Weed Conference Report

Cheryl Howard recently attended the 58th Annual Weed Control Association event in Montana and presented information on our *Let's Pull Together* Event to over 700 people. Cheryl passed around many educational books and brochures she gathered. The education piece for Montana is being used in schools. Cheryl will share a document that is used by the Advisory Committee that shows priority of funding and implementation of education and other activities of association.

Let's Pull Together

Cheryl reported that the Bend event will hold a big kick off event but additional sites/events will take place throughout the summer.

Review of Educational Projects from Action Plan

Committee reviewed Action Plan 2015. No changes or additions. Spring volunteered to review the table top display and update items if needed. Kathy Cushman will work with Ed on brochure for restoration and reseeding. Julie Craig volunteered to help update materials and displays in Weed Wagon. Sasha and Randy Brady volunteered to assist Ed on developing BMPs.

Spring inquired about our budget. Ed will put together budget to look at what we can plan on spending on education piece as well as other areas. Printing brochures the Weed Board has listed in their action plan will cost money; committee needs to prioritize needs and funding. Goal is to get things made up and printed before the Home & Garden show.

Action Plan

Good for the Order:

Living on a Few Acres will be held on March 14 – Ed shared flyer

Mike Crumine – reported on Noxious Weeds for State. All Grants for 2015 have been reviewed. \$2 million grant request were made from various entities, only \$1.2 million is available for funding so State had to cut many good projects.

Marlo Fisher – working on herbicide sites, working with Deschutes County for spray sites.

Jon Valley – met with Forest Service to review their many treatment projects planned. Planned County project; Cascade Lakes Highway next three summers – shoulder work with rock being placed within Right-of-Way.

Cheryl Howard – Working LPT

Dan Sherwin – Invasive Species Council awarded Ed Keith and Jon Valley recently on their work with Yellow Floating Heart. Discussion on possible drone use to help map weed sites.

Sasha Sulia – gearing up for spring work. ID restoration areas and seeding.

Brad Haynes – Road side spraying. Code Enforcement in Redmond starting to take it to the streets, working on a lien process not a fine process for properties with weed situation. Re-vegetated five acres this week. Anthony Ortgies will be attending meetings to represent City of Redmond.

Julie Craig – Introduced Jason Gault

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING March 12, 2015

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