NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2019
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:
Spring Olson  Christina Veverka  Sarah Canham  Jeff Amaral
Allen Hammermann  Julie Craig  Elizabeth Johnson  Matt Flautt

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:
Ed Keith  Jon Valley  Steve Truelson  H.J. Hall  Kelli Candella

Minutes
Minutes for January 10, 2019, approved, M/S/C

Presentation of Riley Ranch – Thank you Jeff and Steve, for giving us a great presentation, Bend Park & Rec has done to bring this park to life for all to enjoy.

Old Business
Let’s Pull Together Cheryl Howard will attend next meeting and give an LPT update, Bend site, what help is needed and discuss Sisters and South County pull dates/locations.

Save the date sign up for the mechanical class is still in the works. Julie Craig mentioned some sites within the same area that City of Bend has available. Ed is hoping to get this all in place for information to be available during the LOAFA conference. More discussion to follow on different approaches for success of the on-site Weed ID class. Elizabeth is available to give a wilderness Weed ID class.

Spanish brochures ordered, should have within a week or two. Jon and Jimmy will run some to local nurseries. Handful to the Landscapers Board for distribution.

New Business
Cascade Vegetation Management Conference is not happening this year, Oregon State is interested in taking this on for next year per Jon Valley.

Stewardship Award – begin thinking about potential candidates and bring to next meeting. One suggestion is Frank Huebsch with the Elk Meadow/River Rim HOA – they were given bags, began pulling, mapping and surveying problem areas; Elizabeth may have another nominee. Everyone was asked to think about nominations for further discussion at the next meeting.

Roundtable
- Julie – none at this time
- Jimmy – great success in last season, some problems areas are now being developed which will help cut down weed issue. Murphy Road & 15th Street area has a huge weed problem. When road punches through it will fall under City of Bend jurisdiction to “force” homeowners to keep weeds under control.
- Matt – No longer with Black Butte Ranch, lots of kettles on the stove. He will be pursuing similar work, currently he has some time to help with any footwork needed for weed items.
- Jon V – no changes due to weather issues. Pilot Butte seeding time postponed due to weather. Spraying of aquatic weeds within canals will start soon, before water flow begins. There will be
an ODA open forum at the County Road Department office to discuss aminocyclopyrachlor, time 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dale Mitchell will be present for meeting.

- Sarah – not much to report due to just coming out of furlough. Discussion on Crook County weed program, and cost share program.
- Jeff – currently in snow mode
- Elizabeth – last two weeks hiring seasonal workers. Working on prescription for chemicals that are allowed to use on forestland. Prioritize areas and how and when would be treated for weeds.
- Allan - HOA Board is not opposed to chemical use when dealing with noxious weeds. Weed ID would be great for group so they are aware of what should be pulled vs what should not. Sunriver is physically pulling. SOLV is an excellent resource for group, liability waivers are in place. Private lots have not responded to weed notifications. Ed Keith added that weed complaints can be sent to him, he will follow up with procedures and Ordinance information for homeowner.
- Christina – Planning sites for summer fieldwork. A team is being assembled to consider treatment of reed canary grass around Crescent and Odell Lakes. Drones – pushing forward with Forest Hydrologist to purchase drone. Will map invasive weeds, map spraying areas and mapping new weed issues located by drone.
- Spring – consulting with USDA, Warm Springs working on community garden. Spring won a grant for working with tribal food production, will be heading to Virginia to accept award.

The Invasive Species trailer will not be at LOAFA event. There will be a weed information table.

**Meeting Schedule** Next Meeting set for March 14, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:00 p.m.

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