

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2016
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Sasha Sulia Kelsi Josi Jerry Rood Christina Veverka
Spring Olson Julie Craig

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and OTHERS Present:

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

MINUTES

Minutes for December 10, 2015, approved M/S/C.

Old Business

Educational items update:

Coloring Books available and are posted to the web at www.deschutes.org/weeds, Julie Craig has printed up stickers of weed shown on coloring book for kids. Knappy tattoo and Stop Aquatic Hitchhiker tattoos are also available. Christina also provided seed bags for handouts. Julie asked about possibility of a seed bag, very small, for her site visits, Christina will put these together – Spring stated she has small coin bags that can be used for this. Graphic design was provided for magnet, Ed will order these. ODA, Tristan Berg, will send out a variety of handout items, pencils, backpacks and notepads. ODA will provide an initial supply for Invasive Species Information Trailer (ISIT) as well as a list of resources to order additional supplies. Spring has 600 packets of vegetable/flower seed packs for Elk Meadow, would like stickers or coloring item to hand out also.

Weed Wagon: SignPro will be doing work on trailer to place graphics. Cost \$1,000 – 1,200. Paint to be done by Professional Auto Body (approximately 6 weeks out) will include graphic for ODA, DCRD, CCRD and US Forest Service. Julie mentioned that City of Bend was asked to donate \$500 toward trailer, do not know the status of that funding. (Cheryl informed Ed after the meeting that Bend could provide funding). Suggestion was made to have City of Bend have a magnetic logo made up, as well as have City of Redmond (or other cooperators) so these can be added when in use through either Bend or Redmond functions. Knappy graphic will be located on back of trailer. Maintenance and new tires are needed.

New Business

Recognition:

Ed will look into prices and styles of awards for those recognized for their contribution/work toward Noxious Vegetation control. Looking at an award similar to what Bonnie Baker orders for end of term award. Ideas were solicited for the title of award: Land Stewardship Award is one idea, if there are others contact Ed.

Venue will depend on who will receive award. The 2015 recipient shall be the *Put a Shine on La Pine* participants, venue for their receiving of award will be La Pine Chamber meeting. Ed will make arrangements for possible April Chamber meeting. Ed spoke with Tom Anderson, County Administrator regarding this recognition award, the group was directed to work with Whitney Malkin to get the correct media coverage and include an awareness piece. Process of acknowledging potential recipient will need to be detailed for future awards. Initially the Board will determine recipient, then solicit future nominations; honor citizens initially; then possibly

look at public agencies that take control of special projects. This direction of acknowledging public agencies is to encourage agency participation for future weed control.

NOMINATIONS

Pursuant to the Weed Charter the election of Chair and Vice-Chair are to be held in January. Nominations were opened, Julie Craig nominated Spring Olson, Spring accepted, Chairperson – Spring Olson – M/S/C

Spring Olson nominated Christina Veverka; Christina accepted nomination, Vice Chairperson – Christina Veverka – M/S/C

Action Plan

Ed provided an overview of activities in 2015 related to the action plan

Discussion on issues with new schools and the disruption of soil in area around and within school boundaries are an enormous concern as noxious weeds will take off in the disrupted soil very quickly.

Discussion on Education items listed within Action Plan, please look over based on items we have currently completed and added to our resource materials. Jon Valley mentioned that he is working on the Knapweed card stock handout for South County. Brochures on Restoration & Re-seeding, these items were incorporated in current handouts, no need to reprint this piece.

Weed List – nothing new that Ed is aware of, if there is Ed will bring to next meeting. ODA will update on aquatic species and inform Board on status of aquatic weeds. Ed will follow up with Mike Crumrine.

Update on funding: FY 16/17 RAC opened up last fall, pending Title II funds for cost share program. Currently funds available for one more season are still available in account. Problem is committee that reviews funding requests have not had quorum showing up to determine funding, therefore all potential funding is on hold.

Deschutes County and Crook County have co-applied to the ODA Noxious Weed Board for funding within the Crooked River watershed for a grant to control five weeds; three are in Deschutes County currently. (Scotch Thistle, Perennial Pepper Weed and Mediterranean Sage)

Discussion on table top display, it will be used during the invasive species week, as well as being on display in Public Library and possibly Community Development Department (CDD). Ed will check with CDD if they have an area for display. Jon Valley will complete an inventory of brochures that are available for ISIT trailer.

Jerry Rood mentioned last meeting that he would contact Post office regarding “Welcome Packet,” they no longer provide this material to homeowners.

If there are other edits based on what was accomplished in 2015 or new opportunities please send items to Ed

Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting set for February 11, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

Roundtable

Christina – Finished invasive weed work

Jerry – lots of snow work down south

Jon – seeding projects for Forest Service off South Century Drive – power line area up to welcome center (7 acres), Tearing down and cleaning Weed Spray trucks to start spray work, goal is for next month spraying. Waiting for grant money. Jon reported that Marion County has a tow behind pull burner – will be using on road side areas near Riley Ranch.

Sasha – Field reduction work, applied for RAC funding for Shevlin fire area, 37 acres sprayed and deeded in Shevlin area.

Spring – will be attending week long USDA training in Las Vegas

Ed – OSU Extension – low on brochures, he can bring to next meeting for restocking. Have 5,000 – 7,000 Deschutes County Rural Living handbooks, would like to get these distributed. Let Ed know if you need more materials and he will distribute them.

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

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