

**NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING**  
**January 8, 2015**  
**Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:**

Kelsey Josi                      Jason Denev                      Christina Veverka                      Spring Olson  
Kathy Cushman

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MEMEBERS Present:**

Ed Keith                      Jon Valley                      Mike Crumine                      Kelli Candella

**Guests:**

Dan Sherwin, Charlie Hana, William Kuhn

**MINUTES**

Minutes for May 8, 2014 and September 11, 2014 minutes approved M/S/C.

No minutes for October or December as no quorum present. November meeting cancelled due to weather.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

**Update on board members**

Before elections, the board received an update on changes to board members. John Stephenson's term has expired and he has opted not to renew his position. Brenda Pace has resigned from Board. Brad Haynes with City of Redmond has asked to be removed as Technical Advisor.

Two Board positions have been advertised as open, 2 letters of interest have been received. Discussion concerning Board's desire to have a representative of BLM and ODFW as members. Possible a member of La Pine area also.

**Elections**

Nomination for Chair person, Spring Olson was nominated – M/S/C

Nomination for Vice-Chair, Christina Veverka was nominated – M/S/C

Kathy Cushman volunteered to Co-Vice Chair with Christina. She will be a back up to Christina.

**Action Plan**

A draft action plan was reviewed by members; several items were discussed, mainly related to educational events and materials.

Home & Garden Show – last year booth costs were donated, will this be available for 2015? Ed will talk with Julie. Weed Board members will need to volunteer to work the booth during Home & Garden show as well as Deschutes County Fair.

Educational materials – Spring asked if the Weed Invasion Newspaper can be updated, maybe also include in Spanish version of the tri-fold brochure.

Weed Wagon – update and purchase of giveaway items and bags is needed to restock the wagon. We also need additional orange hawkweed brochures. Christina mentioned Forest Service may

have money at the end of their FY that may be available for items for Weed Wagon. Also, the weed wagon needs some organization. Jon Valley will look over; needs labeling, laminates, wagon should have a set up layout plan available. Updated Weeds of the West book should also be purchased for the wagon. It would be very helpful to have interactive technology in Weed Wagon, an iPad interactive touch screen, continuous look of pictures of weed projects for those visiting Weed Wagon.

Brochure on restoration and reseeding – Kathy Cushman will work with Ed

Discussion concerning weed pull and education at Miller Elementary School a few years ago; Board members suggested rotating schools for education. Schools have refused treatment in the past. Acreage around schools is not treated and cause weed issues on school property. It was suggested to contact Wes Martin, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor for Bend – La Pine School District.

William Kuhn suggested more Weed Board visibility in the public. Discussion on milkweed, Mike stated that milkweed is not on Deschutes County or State weed list.

Discussion on “Don’t Let it Loose” – educational contest information, invitation to participate has been forwarded to the Bend- La Pine school district.

Jason mentioned that we need to be sure we are thinking about alternative management approaches, not just herbicides. This is something the weed board can discuss more in the future.

**Good for the Order:**

John Valley discussed the current status of the Cascades East Vegetation Management Conference. This conference is being held March 18 & 19 at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo Center in Redmond. An agenda is nearly finalized and will be available soon.

Mike Crumrine discussed some noxious weed species and classification changes. Pheasant eye is in Klamath and Lake Counties. It is on the State “A” list. Orange Hawkweed is being considered to be dropped to “B”; it has escaped into forest areas including the Mt. Hood National Forest. The classification for yellow floating heart will be expanded to the entire genera of Nymphoides.

Ed mentioned that ODA will be awarding another year of funding for treatment of orange hawkweed.

The Forest Service in Sisters and Fort Rock area will hire seasonals to work on invasive species this summer.

Dan reported on the Invasive Species Council conference in November. Ed Keith and Jon Valley received the Eagle Eye award for their work on Yellow Floating Heart. Dan is continuing to do lobbying work to find funding for Weed Districts.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 5:10 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING February 12, 2015**

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