

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2015
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Spring Olson Marlo Fisher Sasha Sulia Kathy Cushman
Jerry Rood

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and OTHERS Present:

Jon Valley – Deschutes Co.
Ed Keith – Deschutes Co.
Jimmy Hall – City of Bend
Debbie Wood – Crooked River CWMA
Warren Glenn – Orchard NA
Cheryl Howard – LPT

MINUTES

Minutes for April 9, 2015 minutes approved M(Julie)/S(Kathy)/C.

Old Business

None

New Business

Let's Pull Together Update – Cheryl Howard

4 handouts related to LPT. There is also a new website. Cheryl is re-designing the insert for the event that goes into The Source. She is gearing it more towards educational content that will be useful to people even after the event. Content that is going into The Source insert was discussed and input was requested. There was general support for the content with no suggested changes.

Funding: Cheryl is also still looking for funding for LPT. Letters to past sponsors have been sent additional sponsors are still needed. Jon will follow up with BPA, CPS, and Bayer.

Sites: Bend Timbers will be participating; they brought nearly 200 kids last year. Pilot Butte, Old Mill, and Ponderosa or Miller schools are on the list for possible sites. Cheryl is also looking for weed experts for each site (in addition to the site coordinators).

Educational Items - ideas

Jon offered a few ideas discussed as a result of the Home and Garden Show:

Cheatgrass handout is popular and needs to be reprinted

Print out booklet of County noxious weeds with pictures

Items for kids: coloring books, cards are a few ideas, knappy stickers.

Advertise for volunteer opportunities and the weed board (how to get involved)

Julie is currently developing some educational items for kids that could be shared.

Marlo has postcards that are available at the USFS office – they are available from the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council.

Spring would like to see a Spanish weed id brochure. Cheryl has someone who can do translation.

The weed display could be placed at city halls locations throughout the summer.

Meeting Schedule

Due to scheduling and field work the board decided to extend the summer meeting break through September, then next meeting will be held in October.

Roundtable

Jon: weed wagon has been re-painted. Home and Garden show had a lot of traffic; nearly 400 people went through the weed wagon and received educational materials. We need more staffing help in the future so that we can continue to support educational events.

Oregon has proclaimed next week as noxious weed awareness week (May 17-23).

2800 acres of treatment has been completed to date by the road crew. Contract work is continuing to expand.

Cheryl: Noxious weed awareness week is the 3rd week of June in Deschutes County.

Marlo: Treatments are planned for the summer, including areas around Phil's trail.

Debbie: Working on ODA/OWEB weed grants. One grant is for scotch thistle, another is the cost share grant, 19 landowners participating. Also a grant to treat medusahead.

Jerry: Looking for seasonal help for weed treatment and landscape maintenance. Information is available on the school district website.

Jimmy: Busy with spraying. Plans to use inmate work crew for additional accomplishments.

Julie: staying busy with flammable vegetation and noxious weed notices.

Ed: cost share visits have been busy; approximately 25 projects are currently signed up, with \$6,500 obligated.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:58 p.m.

NEXT MEETING October 8, 2015

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