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

BOARD MEMBERS Present:  
Jeff Amaral  Sarah Canham  Christina Veverka  
Matt Flautt  Elizabeth Johnson

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:  
Ed Keith  Kelli Candella  Jon Valley  Todd Peplin – Deschutes SWCD

Minutes  
Minutes for October 10, 2019, approved with changes, M/S/C

Old Business  
Review of existing term expiration of Board members.  
- Spring Olson vacated her position, - term ends 12/31/19.  
- Kelsi Josi – has been absent for several meetings, vacant position – term ends 12/31/19  
- Christina Veverka – ends 12/31/19 – she would like to continue, the advisory board concurs  
- Beth Johnson – ends 12/31/19 – she would like to continue, the advisory board concurs  
Charter calls for a minimum of seven members, since we are now at the minimum number of members due to the above two vacancies a recruitment for new members will be conducted. Recruitment will be available through Deschutes County Human Resource Neogov site. Ed will send out information and link to board member to forward to each out to potential recruits. Deadline for application is Dec 6, 2019. News release will be out November 15.

Work plan 2020 goals: will not be participating in LOAFA (event cancelled).  
Noxious Weed list draft will be available for the January meeting. Review and vote for final list in February if changes are needed.

Education Grant through Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) is available. Jon Valley will apply for $2,500, purchase items for the trailer with funds. Needs include antenna/Wi-Fi system. Trailer is available for groups to use for their events, there is a rental condition list posted within trailer. Those that do not return the trailer in the condition as they received it will lose the privilege of use. Trailer is out of stickers and will be replenished through this grant opportunity.

Purchasing items: Jeff provided information on items to purchase. BPRD and Deschutes County have money in budget for items. Priority for ordering, but will be on hold until grant outcomes are known:  
- Grocery bag  
- Your responsibility magnets  
- Stickers  
- Boot brushes – these will be an item that will be given for weed wheel use. (this will be used in April, no rush to order this particular item)  
- Weeding tool

New Business
Cost Share update: See attached
Cost share helps homeowners with issues related to weeds on the A & B weed list. Bulk of requests are in the spring. Funding will cover seeding in some cost share cases. Series of grants obtained previously to cover the cost, now an exhausted revenue of funding, and now line item within Deschutes County budget of $12,000. Funds will help cover costs of screening process, treatment, identify, walk-thru process, hiring contractor and discussion of treatment plan.
More information available

Education Outreach
The Forest Service has brought on a winter intern with education being a major part of position. Discussion on reaching students, reach out to homeschool network may include a day event, may be able to hit a wide range of ages, general curriculum. To target school districts plan should be in place sometime in spring as teachers set their curriculum up for next school year up early. Would be hard to jump in without prior planning to be part of curriculum. Plan to target science courses, 5th & 6th grade outdoor school (held in spring) Reach out to 4H as weed issues go hand in hand with animal health and agriculture farm health. Boy/Girl scouts and backcountry equestrian groups are a good target area. Prioritize age appropriate material packets. Christina will speak with intern and her supervisor. If anyone on board has any educational material, they would like to share, please send to Christina.

Roundtable
- Ed – working on recruitment
- Elizabeth – data entry completed, thinking ahead to next year. December 4 Jennifer Farrell will present Aquatic Invasive Species info, invite only, event in Sisters. Discussion on Sisters Trail Alliance trailhead sign, would like to add a boot brush and educational component as well as information on the best three species to include on sign to assist trail users to be mindful of the spread of seeds for these weeds.
- Jon V – spraying while weather is decent. Seeding project complete.
- Jeff – poison ivy in the Riverbend Park and Healy Bridge area along rocks and bluffs. Not enough knowledge of product Dan Sherwin had used previously for treatment.
- Todd Peplin – Work on Indian Ford area, reed canary is heavy in the area. Per Elizabeth, the area the Sisters Ranger District treated 1st week in October has had good success. Treatment has had great results, 80% reduction each year.
- Sarah – attended OVMA
- Matt – not currently working within weed issues.

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting set for December 12, 2019, at 3:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:00 p.m.

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