

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2021 Video Meeting
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Christina Veverka	Sarah Canham	Toni Stephan	Allen Hammerman
Matt Flautt	Beth Johnson	Jeff Amaral	

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Ed Keith	Charlie Hanna	Kelli Candella	Todd Peplin
Andrew Aasen			

Minutes

Minutes for May 13, 2021, M/S/C

Old Business

Continued discussion on education project, please send your PP to Christina and she will work on standard verbiage for chemical use and resources page. Once all received and final edit complete, upload to website for educational resource.

Weed pull event in the La Pine area this summer, low key event, not the same impact as prior years nevertheless it went well. Looking forward to planning 2022 event.

New Business

Charlie Hanna gave an overview of the work that the county crews have done this past weed season. Due to the hot season, there were not as many days for spraying, needless to say, several contract works completed. Some contract work pushed into spring. Todd asked if there is specification on work done on Vandervert to mitigate rehabilitation for unearthed ground. Charlie is not aware of any details within contract. Charlie reported on recent conference he attended, Bayer representative gave an update on roundup product. EPA retested and did not find anything that causes cancer. Looking at Supreme Court to review. Label for household use will be updated and glyphosate will be pulled from product bought by private parties.

Dan Son – ODA Coordinator – hit the ground running, met with County personnel to discuss Central Oregon, looking at the yellow floating heart issues and viewing sites in Klamath County.

Beth shared information on Metolius River area treatments. Area residents are concerned about noxious weeds; residents new to the area do not agree with using herbicides. Most areas eradicated except for the well sections that cannot be treated legally. Next season will provide public outreach before treatment. After treatment, natives came back quickly.

Christina shared Power Point of reed canary grass treatments on Crescent Creek. Fourth year of treatment, 90% mortality rate of reed canary grass. Expanded treatment on National Forest land. Thatch is heavy, fibrous, and not degrading, vegetation not coming back.

Potential board projects:

- Aquatic is high priority for ODA
- Classrooms/education
- Boot brush stations at trailheads

- Target recreational users – educational information at Bike Shops, water way facilities, rental shops, partner with REI to share with their community user group.
- Play Clean Go! <https://playcleango.org/> they have PSA that are available. Reach out to radio and T.V. stations to air PSAs
- Trailer use very heavy, DC Fair worked well, many visitors came through trailer.
- *Let's Pull Together* will be May 21, 2022 – it will be trifold event, weeds, trash and pollinator planting. Site reserved, Cheryl Howard working on details.
- Contact Central Oregon Daily News – Brooke Snavely to possible do Great Outdoors segment on noxious weeds. This would assist in reaching new residents that know little to nothing about the Northwest or the noxious weeds in our area. Email: Bsnavelly@centraloregondaily.com (541) 633-5706 Christina will contact Brooke.

Toni asked about code enforcement, who do landowners with complaint contact regarding noxious weeds? Ed stated there is an agreement with Community Development Code Enforcement Specialists to look into complaints. A complaint must be in writing, <https://www.deschutes.org/cd/webform/code-compliance>. Code enforcement will verify violation and then will proceed from there.

Cost Share is available to assist homeowner with cost of weed treatment.

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting **November 4, 2021**, at 3:30 p.m. **NOTE ONE WEEK EARLY**

MEETING ADJOURNED

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