

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

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Spring Olson Marlo Fisher Sasha Sulia Kathy Cushman
Jerry Rood Christina Veverka Julie Craig

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and OTHERS Present:

Jon Valley – Deschutes Co. Ed Keith – Deschutes Co. Kelli Candella- Deschutes Co.
Colleen Scott
Dennis Scott
Kathy DeBone
Tony DeBone
Larry Pecenka

MINUTES

Minutes for May 14, 2015 minutes approved with correction noted that Julie Craig was present. M/S/C.

Old Business

Educational items update:

Julie is still working on coloring books sheets and tattoos. Currently no budget to add these items to Weed Wagon at this time.

Other resources: USDA – Noxious weed coloring book available from Montana. Marlo can place an order for items, asked Board to determine what two education pieces would be best to add to the Weed Wagon.

ODA – Jon Valley will check with Tristan, not sure of any kid friendly items, they do have Orange hawk weed card available.

Discussion concerning update to newspaper informational handout, does the Board want a more glossy style handout, what need would this fill that is not filled with other material currently available in the weed wagon?

Educational light up weed board, new pictures were added last year per Jon V.

Suggestion made to add a look alike native plant vs. noxious weed for a great visual piece for visitors. Christina added that it would be good to add native samples, make seed bags available to hand out. Add handout that show what a young plant / plant / dormant plant looks like for an added visual.

Kathy worked on the Restoration and Reseeding brochure, Ed has not had time to put it together, but noted that much of the information is already published in the seed bank brochure.

New Business

La Pine Guests – Put the Shine in La Pine

City of La Pine formed a Road Development Initiative that included beautification. A weed pull collected 6,185 lbs. of knapweed that was disposed of recently. *Put the Shine in La Pine* is getting the word out to residents and business owners; there are stickers and shirts to highlight the project. Businesses that have shined and cleaned up their weeds around their businesses will be highlighted in November. Kathy DeBone will be meeting with some high school students in spring to educate and get them on board the project. She will be meeting with Scott Perkins for weed clean-up projects for spring also.

Question was raised regarding if an individual was able to spray on their own property, Jon V stated that yes, they can, and no license is required for private property spraying. Assistance on what chemicals should be used and when to spray is needed. Dennis has been appointed to City Council due to his outstanding work on the *Put the Shine in La Pine* project. Check out their Facebook page.

Jon Valley – Name change is due for the “Weed Wagon” due to recent legalization of marijuana, we want no confusion. ODA wants to put money into repainting and renaming of wagon. They do want their emblem added to wagon. Suggested name: Invasive Species Wagon No longer need to state tri-county as Jefferson County not part of wagon project any longer. Crook County uses wagon for their fair. Suggestion was given to add Aquatic Invasive plant picture. Submit your “Weed Wagon” name replacement next meeting. Jon will bring pricing for repainting and decal changes to next meeting.

The *Cascade East Vegetation Management Conference* (www.cevmc.com) website is up, payment and registration can be done directly on-line. Jon will be working on a golf tournament for March 15th.

Jon Valley Report – attached

Ed Keith Report - attached

Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting set for November 12th at 3:30 p.m. (Kelli will not be available to attend)

Roundtable

Sasha: two new parks, acquired one of Jan Ward’s old properties, this is full of knapweed and toadflax off 15th Street. New elementary school has a lot of toadflax that needs to be cleaned up. Spent some time at Shevlin Park. RAC grant money for cheat grass/knapweed clean-up due to dozer line disruption of the soil, this is the last year for treat with seed.

Julie: Worked all summer on flammable vegetation issues. June/July – complaints that came in for noxious weeds, letters with education information will be sent to those homeowners.

Marlo: 2,200 acres of treatment. FY 16 – treatments starting next week, large acre areas.

Christina: smaller acreage – 525 acres treated. Klamath County area, sites that have been treated with herbicide have been showing great progress.

Guest Larry Pecenka discussed issues in the Alfalfa area. Residents are up in arms about the marijuana grow site potential in the area. Larry spoke up at the meeting to remind homeowners that the marijuana grow sites are not what will be decreasing the values of your property, noxious weeds that are all over the Alfalfa area are the culprit. Larry shared many photos of properties that have noxious weeds. There are many hay farmers that do not have weed free hay that are selling and, therefore, distributing noxious weed seeds to other areas in the state.

MEETING ADJOURNED 4:58 p.m. NEXT MEETING November 12, 2015

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Jon Valley's Weed Board Update for October 2015

- Very busy summer Rick Stubblefield has joined my crew as Les Schulte's retired in July
- Completed our pre and post emerg. spraying of all county paved roads by mid-May
- Added a Polaris side by side with 50 gal. spray tank, nozzles and hose reel to equipment
- New spray agreement with USFS covering 250 acres and 195 + miles of FS Roads.
- Sprayed 72 total acres of turf at Deschutes County Fair Grounds
- ODOT contract added another \$10,000.00 to our work load and all rock pits owned by them along Hwy 20E. (12 sites)
- City of Bend spray work... a total of more than 85 acres of ROW treated by Jim Hall and my crew with Jim adding in 50+ more in hand work.
- New agreement with Oregon State parks for treatment on Pilot Butte and also Smith Rock State Park for noxious weed control. Expect this to continue into the future. Have been asked to reseed the fire area at the Cove Palisades Park this fall or next.
- Did weed treatment on Floating Heart ponds with ODA...still a big concern as treatments are not too successful at this time.
- Renewed contract with BPA for the next 3 years \$12,500.00 / yr.
- Spray work for Bend Parks and Rec at the Riley ranch completed last Sat.
- BLM contract approximately 35 acres treated this year
- Treatment of county properties landscape areas 22.5 acres in all
- 35 miles of COI canal treatment
- County Fair was again really HOT and busy during the morning and evening hours. I skipped out the last 3 days!
- Took the weed wagon to state fair. Have an offer from ODA to financially assist to rename /repaint the Weed Wagon and put ODA logo on it. Suggestions?
- I have been working with the good folks in La Pine on their weed pulling efforts.
- Am working on the 2nd annual Cascades East Veg. Conference. March 16-17 2016 looking to be a great educational meeting. Golf match on the 15th.
- Re vegetation project at the Knott landfill. Assisted them with the purchase of a 22ft disc and will replant this late fall
- Will be reseeding areas for USFS along Century Dr. and Hwy. 97 south.
- We now have 21 agreements for weed control and this year I had to turn down 5 more large requests. Total acre's sprayed this calendar year....5,596 as of 10/7
- Seed bank has seed! Crew spent 5 + hrs sorting thru more than 1500 lbs. of native seed, making orders w/ Berta.

Ed Keith

Weed Activities Report to Deschutes County Noxious Weed Board

October 8, 2015 (April – September activities)

Cost Share

- Approximately \$5,626 is currently obligated to 14 pending projects
- 41 completed projects totaling 311 acres (\$9,296) treated year to date
- Initial cost share visits/consultations: 54 year to date
- \$8,827 remaining to obligate

Other activities

Past Events:

- May 16 – Sisters LPT
- June 6 – La Pine LPT
- June 13 – Bend LPT
- June 20 – Sunriver Wildflower Show – presentation
- June 24 – Redmond Garden Club – presentation
- June 27 – Black Butte Ranch HOA meeting
- July 18 – Deschutes River Woods NA meeting
- July 29-Aug2 – Deschutes County Fair

Complaints

Year to date: 9