

**NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING**  
**April 10, 2014**  
**Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:**

Robert Marheine	Marlo Fisher	Kelsey Josi	Spring Olson
Sasha Sulia	Jason Denney	Brenda Pace	Kathy Cushman

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MEMEBERS Present:**

Ed Keith	Jon Valley	Kelli Candella	Julie Craig
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**GUESTS:**

Dan Sherwin	Jon Handschuch	Tina Burnside
Tom Anderson		

**CALLED TO ORDER 3:35PM**

**MINUTES**

Minutes for March 13, 2014 were approved M/S/C.

**Old Business:**

**Upcoming events:**

Home & Garden Show, May 2 – 4: There is an open spot – Saturday 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Jon Valley will be there; but having a second person to help with attendee contacts as well as breaks, Ed will send out an additional request for volunteers and an updated schedule. Julie will contact Ian and ask on ticket/entry requirements for volunteers. Updated table display will be available, the display with weed photos, there are lights out and photos need to be updated. Jon will update photos. Weed Wagon will be on site, make sure there are plenty of Weed Brochures.

**Ordinance Update** – Board had second reading on April 9, 2014, once read it was then passed. Ordinance will go into effect in 90 days, approximately July 9, 2014. No one from the public or press was present during the first and second reading.

**Taxes/Funding** – Tom Anderson was present and discussed the Tax limitations. Tom explained that the Vegetation Program was currently being funded through Payment in Lieu of Taxes; (PILT) money was placed in the General fund. The Board agreed that funding the Vegetation program was important and elected to allocate funding from PILT to the program. Funding is reasonably secure and has no strings attached to allocation. Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding has dropped below threshold and PILT money was allocated to cover the loss.

Each year the Board determines funding allocation to all departments based on their priorities.. At this point PILT is the funding base for the Vegetation program, distribution of PILT is on an annual basis.

Tax Levy for permanent funding would require a vote County wide. One draw back to tax levies is compression. Once a maximum threshold is reached compression reduces the amount to be collected for taxing districts. To look into pursuing Tax Levy a Sub-committee was established; Brenda, Spring and Sasha. Tom Anderson will look into who did what work on prior levy

request. Question was asked if there is a priority list for what needs to be funded for the program. (Please refer to minutes of December 12, 2013)

Weed Board would like to invite Deschutes County Finance Director to a meeting to discuss levy and issues of funding.

Application submission is open May 5 for RAC Grant money, Ed will apply for a portion of the Title II dollars allotted to be distributed.

### **OSU Internship**

At this time the internship is not moving forward, maybe next year.

**Education** – Katie Chipko of Deschutes Children’s Forest will be presenting outdoor education outreach to kids She would like to include noxious weed stations in a rotation, would like to have Weed Wagon present. Katie requested a presentation to the kids on; What are Weeds? Why Manage Weeds?

Earth Day is next weekend; Jason would like to pick up table top booth from Ed for event.

### **New Business**

City of Bend has recently hired a new Vegetation Applicator, Jim Hall. City will be doing Right of Way work, currently has two people working with him.

Giant Cane – Bio Mass project was hit by the cold snap in December, this was a significant setback, so much so that the project may be scrapped due to loss of large portion of crop.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Kathy Cushman is officially a Noxious Weed Board member, welcome.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 5:00 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING May 8, 2014**

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