

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2014
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Spring Olson	Christina Veverka	Kelsi Josi	Marlo Fisher
Sasha Sulia	Jason Denney	Brenda Pace	

TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MEMEBERS Present:

Ed Keith	Jon Valley	Kelli Candella	Julie Craig
Mike Crumine			

GUESTS:

Laurie Craghead	Gary Meyer	Kathy Cushman	Jon Handschuch
Dan Sherwin			

CALLED TO ORDER 3:35PM

MINUTES

Minutes for January 9, 2014 were approved M/S/C.

Introduction of Laurie Craghead

Deschutes County Assistant Legal Counsel attended meeting to review information on tax rates and distribution percentage requirements. See web pages, DOR Tax Election Manual is what Laurie shared during meeting.

DOR Tax Election Manual: <http://www.oregon.gov/dor/ptd/docs/504-421.pdf>

The Assessor's Tax and Assessment

Summary: <http://www.deschutes.org/DeschutesOrg/files/77/77530bdd-8f23-4ad0-ae19-14f0136b23a0.pdf>

Old Business:

Enforcement Update – Ed gave a recap of the Public Hearing that took place on February 5, 2014. The hearing was very well attended. Many comments were submitted on both sides of the issue. With all the press coverage public awareness of the noxious weed issue has increased. Ed mentioned that there was an Editorial written in favor of Weed Ordinance. The next Commissioner work-session will be February 26, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. Additional dialog will take place concerning input received from Public Hearing and Business meeting will take place on March 12, 2014.

New Business

Upcoming events:

Home & Garden Show, May 2 – 4: Ed passed out a signup sheet for two hour booth assignments. Booth is at no charge, courtesy of COBA.

Education Materials –

Ed Keith shared a mock-up of a table top of items to be included in table top panels. Input was given, would like to have this completed and ready for the March 15, LOAFA event.

Boundaries of the Weed Control District

Question was asked about boundary of District. Uncertainty of extent of what is included within District, in 2002 the Order included entire County. Even though the Weed Control District includes the entire County the County does not have jurisdiction for City limits for enforcement purposes.

OSU Internship

Julie mentioned this concept, County may partner up with OSU Cascades. Julie and Ed met with Matt Shinderman, goal is to start small, potentially to do some monitoring of Orange Hawkweed. Where population of Orange Hawkweed has been noted in the past, interns can collect data on treatment effectiveness and any new developing populations. The students are from Natural Resource courses. They will receive practical experience, and will use GPS units to collect data. This project may be funded through the County with projected costs approximately \$1,500, this included work during May, Jun and July, 10 hour work week.

Weed List – Mike Crumine discussed state Weed list – Ribbon Grass, Cheat Grass and Pheasant Eye (toxic to horses) are being considered to be added to State list.
Not having a weed on the list limits treatment.

Discussion on funding of Grants. This year is very competitive, \$2.5M proposals were received, only \$1.3M to distribute. Grants will be discussed next week at the state weed board meeting.

Kudos to Jon Valley for his presentation at Pesticide meeting last Friday.

Kathy Cushman volunteered for South County LPT.

MEETING ADJOURNED 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING February 13, 2014

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