

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

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:**

Robert Marheine	Marlo Fisher	John Stephenson
Sasha Sulia	Jason Denney	Brenda Pace

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MEMEBERS Present:**

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

Gary Meyer	Kathy Cushman	Dan Sherwin	Cheryl Howard
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**CALLED TO ORDER 3:35PM**

**MINUTES**

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

**Old 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. One spot available for Sunday 2 – 5 p.m. Gary Meyers has signed up for a spot and Marlo volunteered to assist him during that time period.

**Ordinance Update** – During work sessions comments have been reviewed. A better definition of “thoroughly clean” updated for language that shows general cleaning to removed seeds and weeds will be added to Ordinance. Also information on Separation of Power, Sheriff will deliver citation if it comes to that. Weed Inspector will do all inspections up to citation delivery. The Code Enforcement Technician with the Sheriff’s Office will be charged with citation delivery task. This is following the CDD model of citation delivery. Comments concerning Ordinance advocates chemical use, preferred term “use Integrated Vegetation Management Practices.” Discussion on use of word “Integrated.”

Change of window of days from 2 – 10 change to 2 – 20, similar to State Statutes. Emergency Clause will not be used. Next meeting of Board to discuss is set for March 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

**Taxes/Funding** – Brenda would like to look up information on statement made by Laurie Craghead regarding tax rate is to never increase from \$2.50 per \$1,000 for the permanent tax rate.

**OSU Internship**

Julie mentioned that the City of Bend can contribute \$1,500 from the Community Development Department for the Intern project. Julie will meet with Matt Shinderman to see what is needed for intern project to move forward.

Julie also reported that she has reached out to local High Schools from various sports teams or other activity clubs to be on a volunteer list to help with abating small areas with flammable vegetation and noxious weeds. No response has been received. She also reached out to Scouts.

### **Boundaries of the Weed Control District**

The Weed Control District encompasses the entire County, however the County does not have jurisdiction within City limits per ORS 203.040. The City of Bend has adopted code that allows enforcement of weed control within City limits and is currently enforcing it. Currently the City of Redmond has codes related to noxious weeds and has their own spray crew, and Sisters is currently revising their code however the current code also requires weed control.

**Education** – Banner will be completed tomorrow for use at the LOAFA event set for Saturday.

### **New Business**

**LPT** – Cheryl Howard gave an update on the LPT. La Pine City Council will kick off with a Proclamation for Weed Pull. Their event will be June 7, 2014; there is a lot of support for the La Pine event. Cheryl possibly will have volunteers of the LPT that run across bio controls on toadflax in the Pilot Butte area to track and possibly put on Weed Mapper.

Ed and Cheryl are scheduled to meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss LPT event. Redmond and Bend events are set for June 14, 2014. City of Sisters event is set for June 21, 2014.

Benton County is moving forward with joining in on their first event set for this year.

T-shirts are in, Radio segments are set, and Cheryl asks that Weed Board members consider sites to be included for this year's event. Jon Valley will not be available to attend event.

**County Administrator** – Tom Anderson is updated monthly concerning Weed Board activities, he available to attend the April meeting of the Board is interested in having him, discuss funding issues then. Tentatively added to Tom Anderson's calendar.

**Grant Updates** – Orange Hawkweed grant was extended for one more year, \$10,170, this is on a year to year basis.

ODA grant for treatment for Tri-County \$7 – 8,000 – treatment for species of Scotch Thistle, Pepperweed, White Top and Toadflax. This allows treatment basically at no cost to homeowner.

**Jon Valley Update** – County has treated 300+ acres with pre-emergent, today worked with City of Bend, 65 acres of medians and Right-of-Way treatment. 120 acres at Knott Landfill will be seeded this weekend, summer project post-emergent, knapweed. Jon has secured a lot of contract work.

**Board Member** – Gary Meyer and Kathy Cushman were asked if they are interested in becoming Weed Board members, Ed informed them that he would need to submit a letter of interest to the Board, and to Board of County Commissioners.

**Areas of concern** – Hwy 97 by DRW, NE of interchange acres of knapweed. Julie indicated that this area is owned by Jan Ward and he will not do anything about weeds until he is forced to. Revisit this area once Ordinance is adopted.

**Code Enforcement Training** – Julie is attending, enforcement for Noxious Weeds is included in the training material.

**MEETING ADJOURNED 4:30 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING April 10, 2014**

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