

**NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING**  
**November 14, 2013**  
**Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meetings Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:**

Robert Marheine	Spring Olson	Christina Veverka	Marlo Fisher
Sasha Sulia	Jason Denney	Brenda Pace	John Stephenson

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANT MEMEBERS Present:**

Jon Valley  
Kelli Candella

**GUESTS:**

Tammy Hartly	Dan Sherwin	Gary Meyers
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**CALLED TO ORDER 3:30PM**

Introductions were made.

**MINUTES**

Minutes for October 10, 2013 were approved M/S/C.

**ED KEITH UPDATE**

Ed was not present to present meeting, below is the written report:

**Program status:**

**Cost Share**

This program is funded through the USFS (RAC) – grant expires 9/30/2015

Approximately \$6900 is currently obligated to 14 projects

Status as of October:

- 21 completed projects totaled 164 acres treated year to date  
October: 3 projects completed for 14.5 acres
- 38 Initial cost share visits year to date  
September: 2 initial cost share site visits
- Approximately \$6,700 remaining to obligate

**Other activities:**

- Assisted ODA with treatment of Yellow Floating Heart
- Working with a committee to plan the next Living On A Few Acres conference.  
Scheduled for March 15, 2014.

**Enforcement Update:**

The legal department has drafted a new section of code on weed control. By incorporating weed control into county code instead of referencing state law in an “order” a more clear authority exists as to who enforces weed control and how it can be enforced. Legal Counsel essentially reiterates state law and then references county code enforcement procedures as well as grants the weed inspector authority to enforce the code. The next step is to take this back to the Board of County Commissioners for their review, input and approval.

## **JON VALLEY UPDATE**

Jon handed out information on contracts that the Vegetation Maintenance Division have worked on, new pending and/or billed for work.

Discussion on Pepper Weed found, more than likely coming from hay. Weed Free Program has been contracted out, do not know how successful it has been. Forest Service having a hard time enforcing it due to funding. Marlo will provide data on Forest inspections of hay. Jon talked to some horse owners and they stated that they buy two bales of certified weed free hay, keep the twine to use on other non-certified hay bales. Robert will email Randy Black for a report on costs associated with Weed Free Hay certification.

## **FUNDING**

Robert would like more information from Ed concerning projects done, what is the current funding on projects shown on the spreadsheet Ed provided. What programs not currently funded, where we want new funding to go.

### Priorities:

- Early Detection, rapid response
- Weed Policy and enforcement
- GIS / Data input
- Contingency fund
- Weed Free Program

Discussion on GIS – currently not being used for Weed program. Jon indicated that GPS tracking is being used by his crew for areas they have sprayed. As far as GPS for known problem sites, not being done due to funding. Spring and early summer, COCC has offered students to GPS sites. ODA has an old weed mapper program. Road Department does not have the man power to do mapping sites. Discussion on what level of information from GIS would be needed; i.e. Treatment sites, general public landowners, private landowners and add cost share sites to mapping program for reference.

## **UPDATE for LEGAL REVIEW – Enforcement Authority and policy**

Sub-committee set-up to review and give input. Need information on when Legal Counsel wanting to finalize update.

Sub-committee to meet next week: Sasha, Spring, Brenda and Robert

## **Nomination/Vote Vice-Chairperson**

Committee nominated Spring Olson for Vice-Chair, she accepted nomination M/S/C

## **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:40 p.m.**

## **NEXT MEETING December 12, 2013**

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