

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**9:00 am Thursday, May 18, 2017**  
**Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx**  
**And hosted at the Natural Resource Building, room 259**  
**Located at 1111 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98504**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for Meeting
- March 2017 Draft Minutes
- April 2017 Draft Minutes
- April 2017 Office Report
- First half of May 2017 Office Report
- March 2017 Budget Report
- FY15-17 Strategic Plan

**Meeting called to order at 9:03 am by Chairman Tony Stadelman.**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board Members Present*

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| Tony Stadelman      | Jerry Hendrickson (WebEx) | Tim Miller              |
| Brad White          | Bob Roth (WebEx)          | Jenifer Parsons (WebEx) |
| Bill Agosta (WebEx) | Janet Spingath (WebEx)    |                         |
| Dirk Veleke (WebEx) | Wes McCart (WebEx)        |                         |

*Others present:*

- Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Greg Haubrich, WSDA  
Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Joseph Shea, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Laurel Baldwin, Whatcom Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Anna Lyon, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Cathy Lucero, Clallam Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Dave Mundt, Spokane Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Sharon Sorby, Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Angelica Velazquez, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Jennifer Andreas, WSU Integrated Weed Management Project (WebEx)  
Kris Hubbard, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the March 23 and April 26 special meetings.

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| <b>VOTE</b> | Bill Agosta      | Moved to accept the minutes for the March 23, 2017 Board meeting. |
|             | Janet Spingath   | Seconded the motion   |
|             | <i>The Board</i> | All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.                      |

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| <b>VOTE</b> | Bill Agosta      | Moved to accept the minutes for the April 26, 2017 Board meeting. |
|             | Dirk Veleke      | Seconded the motion   |
|             | <i>The Board</i> | All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.                      |

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

Bill Agosta shared that the San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board had upgraded the part-time field specialist position into a full-time position, so they are ready for the summer season.

Janet Spingath reported the Chambers-Clover Creek Watershed and the Pierce County Watershed Council and the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board would be celebrating the removal of Japanese knotweed from the city of Steilacoom. The Pierce County Parks department would have a noxious weed removal day on June 3, which would also focus on Japanese knotweed removal. Most of the knotweed was controlled through herbicide.

Tim Miller mentioned that the Scotch broom symposium, of which Alison and Greg Haubrich were steering committee members, was next Tuesday, May 23. He also praised Cathy Lucero’s Olympic Peninsula knotweed working group meeting.

**OFFICE UPDATES**

Alison Halpern provided the update:

- She shared that the Outreach and Communications Specialist Kittanya Locken had moved on to another job in late April.
- She had mailed out seed packets to all county weed boards. She thanked Greg and other WSDA employees for helping to deliver some of the boxes.
- There had been over 2,700 individual seed packet requests through Facebook
- The toxic plants booklet was almost ready for publication.
- The annual magnet had been ordered.
- She was the Chair for the 2018 UW Botanical Symposium.
- She had attended the UW ecological restoration symposium last week. All presenters addressed noxious weed/invasive plant removal as part of restoration, and it was a good

reminder to do more outreach about restoration or revegetation following noxious weed control.

- Alison was a panelist at the May 4 Washington Friends of Farms and Family all-agency pesticide forum. She highlighted Cathy Lucero’s successful IVM plan in Clallam County, this year’s native Bee-U-Tify seed packets, and talked about WSDA Pest Program’s 2016 gypsy moth outreach campaign
- Bridget Simon has sent sections already for the Coordinators’ Handbook that she was contracted to write. Jerry asked for a copy of the handbook, and Alison said she would send it to all the Board members when it was complete.
- Last biennial report is done, and Alison would make it digitally available. She would work on the next biennial report in July.
- Alison and the Board welcomed Wendy back.

**WSDA UPDATE**

Greg Haubrich provided the update:

- The end of the FY15-17 biennium was coming up, so Greg asked coordinators with noxious weed control agreements to please let him know if they wouldn’t be spending all the money in the contract so he could reallocate the funding to other projects.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Alison provided the update:

- The \$47K budget balance included the \$15K for Class A eradication projects, \$7K towards the toxic plants booklet printing, \$5K for the WSU IWM Project, \$4K towards the Coordinators’ Handbook contract, and \$1K towards the Play, Clean, Go campaign.
- Alison was still awaiting payment from two state agencies towards the economic impact report totaling \$5K.
- Invoices were paid for the bulk native seed and Bee-U-Tify packets. Susie Allen would be sending out invoices to those county weed boards who bought extra. WSDA would cover the rest of the costs since the bee bill FN was not funded.
- Alison would use unspent money towards toxic plant booklet, magnet, and other education/outreach needs etc.
- Whatcom County has more garlic mustard than originally thought and the landowner was trying to eradicate it. Alison asked if the Board would fund \$2-3K toward eradication of this new garlic mustard infestation using unspent salary money.

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| <b>VOTE</b> | Jerry Hendrickson | Moved to accept the motion to contract Whatcom County NWCB \$2-3K for eradication efforts of garlic mustard. |
|             | Janet Spingath    | Seconded the motion  |
|             | <i>The Board</i>  | All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.   |

- In theory, they would have the next biennial budget before June 30. Once she had those numbers, Alison would convene a budget committee meeting.
- Jerry asked what some of the budget categories meant. Alison explained the different between rentals and leases and (EH and EK) facilities and services. Alison would send the Board an explanation of the different funding categories.

## **STATE WEED BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Board reviewed the FY15-17 strategic plan and noted which tasks had been accomplished towards the five general goals.

- Alison suggested that each Board member contribute to the FY17-19 strategic plan by submitting three goals they would like to accomplish during the next two years. She would send out an email and follow-up by phone with each board member separately. At the July meeting the Board would look at all the goals and work on developing the strategic plan.
- Alison would send out draft in July that the board would then discuss and adopt at the July meeting

## **NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Tim Miller provided the update. He reminded everyone that it was the anniversary of Mt. St. Helens eruption and then summarized the proposed changes to the 2018 noxious weed list:

- Two requests from Okanogan County NWCB: reclassify spurge flax, possibly to a C; add cheatgrass (downy brome) as a Class C noxious weed.
- Two requests from King County NWCB: add European coltsfoot as a Class B and small-flowered jewelweed as a Class A or Class B
- Malta starthistle in-house suggestion after it was discovered by DNR on Cypress Island
- Request from Commissioner McCart to address *Myriophyllum spicatum* hybrids.
- Request by DNR employee to add Empress tree as a noxious weed.
- Thurston County NWCB requested the undesignation of shiny geranium and butterfly bush.
- Request from Skamania County NWCB to undesignate several Class B noxious weeds plus suggestions for potential species to be removed from the noxious weed list.
- Request by a concerned citizen to add foxtail grass, species unknown.

Tim noted that the NWC would be meeting in June.

## **COORDINATORS FORUM**

None.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION AND COMMENTS**

None.

## **MEETING EVALUATION**

The next meeting will be on July 20 starting at 9:00 via WebEx, hosted in room 269 at NRB. Alison would seek travel reimbursement for this meeting. She had mailed out travel vouchers for the April special meeting and reminded Board members to submit vouchers from the March meeting.

Tony mentioned that the audio on Alison's laptop had been causing problems at the last meeting but that it was working better now. Nonetheless, they had hosted the WebEx meeting through the telephone until she was sure the audio was working.

Tony welcomed Wendy back on behalf of the Board.

Cathy Lucero asked about WSDOT's refusal to pay the noxious weed assessment. Alison had been told that the WSDOT AAG had noted that it was not explicit in statute that state-owned land needed to pay special use assessments. The Walla Walla Mosquito District appeared to be seeking an AG opinion, which was more likely to yield results. Cathy asked the State Weed Board to get involved in this.

Cathy asked if there had been any forward movement by the legislative committee. Alison said that there had not been any activity. She was still working on edits to the second draft of the RCW 17.10 revisions based on input from the March and April Board meetings. Alison said that she would also be drafting a letter on behalf of the Board in response to a letter from the Skamania County NWCB. She would send out the draft to the Board members to review, and the final letter would be mailed to all county weed board members and sent to county weed coordinators.

Cathy suggested that it would ease a lot of tension between counties and county weed boards to improve funding for those programs. She asked that the Board, specifically her Board representative, include as a strategic plan goal to get all county weed boards on a noxious weed assessment. Wes suggested that Cathy talk to the Conservation Districts, who tried to get all Districts on an assessment throughout the state and could provide some pros and cons of that endeavor.

The Board adjourned at 10:16 a.m. with a motion by Bill Agosta, seconded by Wes McCart. All in favor.

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Tony Stadelman, Chairman  
WSNWCB

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Dirk Veleke, Secretary  
WSNWCB

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Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary WSNWCB