

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Special April Meeting
9:00 a.m. April 30th, 2026
Online via Zoom

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting.
- Publication printing quotes summarized on an excel sheet
- Publication printing needs summarized on an excel sheet

Meeting never called to order, as a quorum of voting members didn't attend

Roll Call

Board members present via Zoom:

Allen Evenson	Marci Miller	Todd Palzer
Janet Spingath	Randy Johnson	

Others present via Zoom:

- Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Anne Schuster, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Beth Tanner,
- Heather Noles,
- Heidi Steinbach, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Jennifer Mendoza, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Laura Sanders,
- Loretta Nichols, Pend Orielle County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Paul Castoldi, Walla Walla County Noxious Weed Control Board

Discussion

- We have limited funding for publication printing, but a lot of demand, especially for garden wises and field guides.
- It takes 6+ weeks to get a printing finished and delivered. It needs to be **received** by June 30th.
 - We need the board to vote on what to print and who to use to print them.
- We have run out of:
 - Eastern Field Guide
 - Toxic Plants to Horses and Livestock
- We are going to run out of in Fiscal Year 2026-27:
 - Western Garden Wise
 - Western Field Guide
- We have \$11,000 to fulfil a print before June 30th, 2026
 - The less we put to each publication, the more per unit it costs.

- DES is slower, but cheaper, while Minute Men is faster, has proven excellent service, but a little more expensive as of 2026.
 - The board is not to take only cost into account. DES likely won't get the printing to us on time, even if there had been a quorum of voting members at this meeting to make a decision.
 - We can start to move forward on a printing, and not give the final approval to print anything until the board has voted on May 21st, which will make the turnover time for printing *very* tight, but *probably* doable with Minute Men.
- Coordinators in attendance say that the field guides, garden wises, and toxic plants booklets are all the most popular.
 - They add that each fills a different need and goes out to a different audience.
 - They feel that Field Guides are the highest priority, but all are important to have physically to give to citizens
- We may be able to find funding to print more of some publications.
 - Counties, Conservation Districts, Master Gardeners groups, and other organizations may be able to help pay for Garden Wises
 - Counties and Conservation Districts may be able to help pay for Field Guides
 - Eastern Washington counties generally have lower funding to put towards publications, but still have the same high need to give them out as Western Washington counties.
 - Livestock and horse groups may be able to help pay for the toxic plants booklet.

Allen Evenson, Chair
WSNWCB

Carey Caruso, Secretary
WSNWCB

Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB

