

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**1:00 p.m. March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx**  
**and hosted at Campbell's Resort,**  
**located at 104 West Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA, 98816**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes of the January 9th, 2020 regular board meeting
- Office reports for January, February, and beginning March
- Budget report
- Summary of Class A eradication grant proposals
- Class A eradication proposals
- Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lanternfly Brochure

**Meeting called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Vice Chairman Bill Agosta.**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board Members Present*

Randy Johnson (WebEx)	Janet Spingath	Rod Gilbert (WebEx)
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Jerry Hendrickson (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)
Brad White (WebEx)	Dirk Veleke (WebEx)	Steven Seefeldt (WebEx)
Ken Bajema (WebEx)	Carey Caruso (WebEx)	

*Others present:*

- Mary Fee, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
Jennifer Andreas, WSU Integrated Weed Control Project  
David Heimer, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Linda Brady, Adams County Weed District #1  
Todd Harris, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Betsy Crysel, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Dave Maiden, Walla Walla County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Anna Lyon, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Janet Nelson, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Larry Hudson, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Jason Ontjes, San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Patricia Grover, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Jennifer Mendoza, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Dana Coggon, Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Jeff Knutson, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board

Todd Davis, Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Marc Eiler, Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Eric Bell, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Sherri Duff, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Farren Reinbold, Lincoln County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Joseph Shea, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Christy Turner, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Konrad Kauer, Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Holly Kress, Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Sharon Sorby, Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
David Mundt, Spokane County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Naedene Shearer, Columbia County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
Loretta Nichols, Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Bill Wamsley, Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Gerry Saw, Snohoish County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Kiley Smith, Grays Harbor County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Marc G. Miller, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Sarah Murt, Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Marty Hudson, Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Susan Bird, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board

## **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

- Dirk had nothing to report.
- Jerry reported that he had attended the Garfield County annual meetings and the Asotin County Noxious Weed Board meeting. Jerry noted that the weeds are up about a month early.
- Carey had nothing to report.
- Janet reported on the newest certificate of appreciation for Joe Wolford. Joe has organized the removal of over 800lbs of Scotch broom and spurge laurel from a conservation easement in Deer Harbor. His efforts have provided employees of the Land Bank talking points to encourage landowners to follow Joe's example.
- Randy had nothing to report at the time.
- Jenifer Parsons reported on the Lake Roosevelt flowering rush. She mentioned that the project is ramping up early with surveys and possible treatment in April.
- Rod had nothing to report.
- Bill reported that the San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board had received \$26,000 in grant funding from the Department of Ecology to control Eurasian milfoil.
- Ken had nothing to report.

## **OFFICE REPORTS**

Mary reported that:

- She had spent a good amount of time working on legislative process, RCW 17.10, and SB 6401 and HB 2697.
- She presented at the Idaho Superintendents’ Conference, similar to the WA State Coordinators’ Conference.
- She has attended several CWMA meetings including the Columbia River Gorge CWMA and presented at the Columbia County Annual Meeting. She also attended the Kitsap noxious weed assessment adjustment hearing and the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Board Meeting.
- Mary stated that the Board had tentatively been approved to receive \$30,000 from the Department of Ecology for the Lake Roosevelt Early Infestation Project.
- Janet asked about the Pollinator Task Force. Mary explained that the task force is putting together recommendations that will be submitted to legislation next session.

Wendy reported that:

- She helped organize, set-up, and attend the booth at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show. This was a joint effort including King, Snohomish, and Skagit counties and had 1495 visitors to the booth.
- Wendy has been working on the Tree of Heaven and Spotted Laternfly brochure with Jennifer Andreas. She presented the brochure to the board.
- Wendy is also working on a reprinting of the WA Field Guides.
- She is also pulling together an updated county funding report.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting.

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to accept the minutes for the January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 regular meeting.
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**WSDA UPDATE**

Brad White had nothing to report at this time.

**WDFW UPDATE**

Dave Heimer reported that:

- Crews have used weed app for 2019 season and will be using it again this season.
- He is putting a report together based on surveys collected last season.
- WDFW helped in San Juan and Clark counties on Eurasian milfoil projects funded by the Department of Ecology. Also worked on two lakes in Kittitas County on milfoil control.
- Cathy Lucero stated that they also worked in her county on poison hemlock and some on teasel.
- WDFW is also participating in Flowering Rush control efforts in the Columbia River and Lake Roosevelt.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Mary provided the following update:

- Mary provided the most recent draft changes to RCW 17.10. She explained the legislative process and stated that Senate Bill 6401 nor House Bill 2697 made it out of committee hearings during the legislative session. She stated that there had been other testimony given by several different agencies requesting additional changes.
- WSDOT was concerned about paying assessments along right-of-ways.
- DNR and the Forest Protection Association were both concerned about the required control along buffers of roads and suggested lessening the buffer or removing it all together.
- The Association of Counties was concerned about giving the County Noxious Weed Control Boards the authority to appoint board members if the legislative authority fails to do so. They suggested reducing the number to only 3 members that can potential be appointed by the county boards.
- Bill stated that the bills did not go any further this session but can be reintroduced next session.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- The Board reviewed the May table highlighting expenses and budget items.
- Mary noted the budget had been reduced by \$3,000 for the WSDA IT department salary fund.
- Mary also noted the Beautify Seed order and printing.
- She reported on the tentative approval of the Department of Ecology Early Infestation grant funding for the Lake Roosevelt Flower Rush project. This funding will be spent over the next two years and will be managed through the WSDA.
- Mary reported that 6 class A proposals had been submitted totaling \$16,960.

## **CLASS A ERADICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR FY20 - 6 proposals totaling \$16.940 with \$15,000 available.**

This year the board utilized a semi-new process incorporating the tradition RFP, spreadsheet summary of projects, and a ranking matrix prior to the meeting. The board reviewed the spreadsheet highlighting species, budget, and minimal background for each project. Each project was given an objective scoring based on landowner involvement and match funding. The board members then individually ranked the project. All of this information was summarized and presented at the board meeting. The board reviewed the summary and discussed the projects as follow.

- Mary reviewed the summary sheet.
- Asotin County common crupina, \$500- No discussion.
- Asotin County Mediterranean sage, \$1500- No discussion.
- Columbia County Mediterranean sage, \$5000- Janet questioned about surveys. Naedene stated that they had a hand held GPS and had done some surveying in 2019.
- Cowlitz County milk and slenderflower Thistles, \$2960.50- No discussion.
- Skamania County garlic mustard, \$2000- No discussion.

- Yakima County Mediterranean sage, \$5000- Dirk stated that class A grant funds will not be used in place of county weed board budget funds for salaries and wages. Susan Bird reported that fund will be used for on the ground control. She also reported that tribal control will continue. She mentioned surveys that have been done and the potential use of drones.
- Ken stated that class A grant funding will not be used for surveying.
- Mary explained that control work also evolves surveying but the class A funds will not fund survey only projects.
- Bill suggested reducing the two \$5000 projects by \$980 and then funding all of the projects. Jerry agreed to this suggestion.
- Rod suggested reducing all of the projects %10. Ken and Bill also agreed to this suggestion.
- Mary checked with Yakima County and Columbia County about the \$980 reduction and if the projects would still be effective. Both were ok with the reduction.

<b>VOTE</b>	Dirk Veleke	Moved to approve the funding for the Columbia and Yakima County Mediterranean sage projects with \$980 reduction each, and then fund the other six projects in full.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

- Mary thanked the applicants for attending and being available for questions.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Mary suggested couching mapping discussion, handbook, and biennial report until the May meeting.
- Janet asked what the Native Plant Society could do to be more effective? She asked for comments by the next meeting.
- Jerry asked about the handbook. Mary suggested having a handbook committee meeting to discuss next steps.
- Bill postponed the mapping, handbook, and biennial report discussions with no objections to the May meeting.

## COORDINATORS FORUM

- Dave Heimer reported that in October and November there was a request from legislation about the use of glyphosate in state agencies. He did not know what the purpose of this request was but stated that we need to be proactive and get in front of this issue.
- Bill asked that the glyphosate discussion be added to the May agenda.
- Joseph Shea announced that they have a new employee, Christy Turner, whose first day is today. She will be taking over their spartina and knotweed projects.

- Dana Coggon thanked the board for the opportunity to testify at the Sb 6401 and HB 2697 hearings. She stated that Mary did an excellent job.
- Bill stated that the next meeting is scheduled to be held in May in Port Angeles, Clallam County.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Included in the Coordinators Forum discussion.

The board meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm by a motion by Dirk Veleke and seconded by Jerry Hendrickson.

All in favor.

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Tony Stadelman, Chairman  
WSNWCB

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Dirk Veleke, Secretary  
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Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB