

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board MONTH Meeting
9:00 a.m. January 20th, 2022
Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx Only due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting.
- Draft minutes of March meeting.
- Office report.
- Financial report.

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Bill Agosta

Roll Call

Board members present via WebEx:

Allen Evenson	Ian Burke	Ken Bajema
Bill Agosta	Janet Spingath	Kevin Hupp
Carey Caruso	Jennifer Andreas	Randy Johnson
Dirk Veleke	Jerry Hendrickson	Todd Palzer

Others present via WebEx:

- Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Anne Schuster, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
- Cameron Archie, Washington State Department of Transportation
- Gerry Saw, Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board
- Justin Bush, Washington State Invasive Species Council
- Scott Watson, Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Board

Board Member Updates

- Allen received funding for the Weed District 51 mailing, which went out last year.
- Dirk was visiting California, and saw some agriculture fields in the Colorado River Basin. He saw huge stands of crops with not a weed in sight, and the producers must be using good herbicide techniques.
- Janet gave kudos to King County Noxious Weed Control Board for their great Aquatic Weed Webinar.
- Jennifer reported that the flowering rush biocontrol project is moving through the application process.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the November 4th meeting, and they were accepted with one minor edit.

Office Reports

- Mary and Anne organized, attended, or presented at many meetings, including county board meetings, neighboring state’s noxious weed conferences, WISC’s quarterly meeting, and Pollinator Health Task Force meeting.
- Mary and Anne continued with general and typical administrative and outreach activities, including answering questions, updating content, county weed board support, preparing and filing Noxious Weed Updates and other official documents and reports.

Budget Report

- Spending had been slow so far, because there had been very little travel so far.
 - Some upcoming travel spending was going to be Anne working at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, and Anne attending the Coordinators Conference.
- The supplies and materials budget could be spent on new seed packets, or wait until next fiscal year.
- The publication budget is going to be mostly spent on a reprint of the field guides.
- Anne is going to join the Washington State Native Plant Society. The cost to join is \$40 plus \$10 to join a second chapter, so she can be a member of an Eastern and Western Washington Chapter.

Douglas County Survey

- The Douglas County weed survey would cost around \$6000 from the state board, and WSDA will provide funding for an aquatic survey, via boat.
- The map created will be shared with the state board as well as the Douglas County legislative authority
- Dirk said that this survey will hopefully show how weeds are not being well controlled in Douglas County and will help get their county commissioners ok with creating an actual weed control board.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to approve \$6600 for a Douglas County weed survey
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Weed Disposal Bags

- Counties expressed interest in going in together on a large order of noxious weed disposal bags.
 - There are 7 rolls of bags in the storage unit currently
- There is a set-up fee of \$275 for the art, and a minimum order of 3,000 bags. The cost is \$592.45 per 1,000 bags. \$3,000 would be a good starting point with additional funds from other counties added on.
 - Many counties can contribute funds to bulk buy bags, though others do not have funds to go in. It is important that all counties get bags.
 - They will be clear plastic, labeled, of a smaller size, and a thick plastic.

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VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to approve \$3000 on getting weed disposal bags
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Legislative Update

- The WSDOT report was filed in December, with the digital billing outcome as a result of the meetings over the last year.
 - There may be more meetings throughout 2022.
 - The next report is due in December 2022
 - Billing will be a simple excel sheet that county treasurers can complete easily
 - This will only happen for counties whose boards are funded by assessments

Committee Updates

- Committee meetings may not have more than 4 voting state board members in attendance, otherwise the meeting qualifies for the public meeting act and must have been announced beforehand.

Committee Appointments

- Noxious Weed Committee
 - Marty Hudson (Chair), Bill Agosta, Ken Bajema, Jennifer Andreas, Emily Stevenson, Tom Erler, Kevin Hupp, Greg Haubrich, Todd Palzer, Cathy Lucero, Ian Burke, and Dirk Veleke
- Budget Committee
 - Jerry Hendrickson (Chair), Bill Agosta, Ken Bajema, Brad White, and Allen Evenson
- Executive Committee
 - Bill Agosta, Brad White, Ken Bajema
- Legislative Committee
 - Todd Davis (Chairman), Bill Agosta, Ken Bajema, Jerry Hendrickson, Randy Johnson, Kevin Hupp, Cathy Lucero, Laurel Baldwin, Emily Stevenson, and Steve Burke
- Pollinator Committee
 - Carey Caruso (chair), Bill Agosta, Ken Bajema, Emily Stevenson, Loretta Nichols, Dirk Veleke, Judy Blanco, and Katie Buckley
- Education Committee
 - Janet Spingath (chair), Bill Agosta, Ken Bajema, Jerry Hendrickson, Ian Burge, Jennifer Andreas, and Justin Bush
- Douglas County Survey Committee
 - Dirk Veleke (chair), Greg Haubrich, Kevin Hupp, Randy Johnson, and Dale Whaley

Coordinators Forum

- Gerry Saw, Snohomish County NWCB: Saw reed canary grass in seed mix at the co-op in her county. She can educate them on the impacts of it, but there are no requirements that will stop them from selling it.
- Scott Watson, Whitman County NWCB: Thankful for the pamphlets and road signs.
- Justin Bush, Washington State Invasive Species Council: Invasive Species Week is February 28th through March 4th. WISC and NWCB will be working together on some education and outreach for it.

Public Comment

- No public comments

Executive Session

- Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 1(g)- Personnel Evolutions began at 10:08 am, and is closed to the public.
- Adjourned Executive Session at 10:20 and re-entered regular meeting.

<i>VOTE</i>	Janet Spingath	Moved to approve salary increase for Education Specialist position.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The next board meeting will be on March 16th, at 9 a.m., via webinar.

The board meeting adjourned at 10:28.

Bill Agosta, Chairman
WSNWCB

Janet Spingath, Secretary
WSNWCB

Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB