

Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting
9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 24, 2013
Online/Teleconferenced meeting via GoToWebinar and
Hosted in Room 259 at 1111 Washington St SE, Olympia, WA 98504

Meeting called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Butch Klaveano

Roll Call and Introductions

Board Members Present

Butch Klaveano (phone)	Dirk Veleke (Olympia)	Jenifer Parsons (phone)
Jerry Hendrickson (Olympia)	Sarah Cooke (phone)	
Tony Stadelman (phone)	Bill Agosta (phone)	
Mary Toohey (Olympia)	Bob Roth (phone)	

Others Present

In Person:

Alison Halpern	Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Wendy DesCamp	Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Rick Johnson	Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Board
Jennifer Andreas	WSU Extension
Greg Haubrich	Washington State Department of Agriculture
Rick Johnson	Thurston County Noxious Weed Control Board
Nancy Ness	Grays Harbor County Noxious Weed Control Board
Bill Wamsley	Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board

By Phone:

Angelica Velazquez	Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
Dave Heimer	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Glenn Lebsack	Clark County Vegetation Management
Janet Nelson	Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board
Cathy Lucero	Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
Justin Bush	Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board

Handouts Provided:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft minutes from November 2012 meeting
- Office reports for November, December, and January
- December budget summary and detailed report worksheets
- WSNWCB Code of Ethics
- Printed 2013 State Noxious Weed List
- 2-page educational handout

Introduction of new Board member Dirk Veleke

Butch welcomed Dirk to the State Weed Board. Dirk worked for Kittitas County Weed District #5, and when Kittitas County activated its county weed board, he was its first coordinator. He worked

there for 9 years, and then moved to Chelan County where he started Cascade Weed Management. He also serves on the Chelan County NWCB.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to approve minutes for the November 2012 board meeting
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

OFFICE REPORT

The Board reviewed office reports for November, December, and January.

Alison:

- Has been busy following the public hearing and board meeting in November with rule-making for the 2013 noxious weed list.
- Was lucky enough to give a presentation for a group of growers in Davenport.
- Provided an update about the 2013 weed list to the Western Weed Coordinators' Association conference in Law Vegas (called in).
- Wants to provide more training to county weed boards and coordinators about the county weed list adoption process, as she has seen many inconsistencies in how the list is adopted.
- Has started talking to Farm Bureau about the challenges county weed boards are having filling vacancies and finding new board members due to limitations in RCW 17.10.
- Alison and Wendy are working on a newsletter that they plan on emailing out in February.

Wendy:

- Has been working on board member biographies for the website and appreciates the submissions of biographical info and pictures she's received so far. She is still waiting for a few more.
- Has been working on reprints of the western WA field guides and GardenWise.
- Noted that Capital Press has been publishing our full-color ED/RR postcards when possible.
- Is prepping up for the Flower & Garden Show in February
- Has been busy with presentations to different groups

Discussion:

- Nancy Ness asked about the package for new commissioners and legislators? Alison replied that she created a 2-page primer about the major topics concerning noxious weed control and the state and county weed boards. She created it in PowerPoint so coordinators can customize it if desired. She also mentioned that she would be happy to meet with commissioners.
- Butch asked about training new commissioners. Alison explained that the next training of WASAC is in December and she would like to be there to answer questions, explain the weed laws. However, renting booth space is expensive.

WSDA UPDATE

Mary Toohey provided the update:

- Governor Gregoire had proposed carrying over current funding for WSDA and State Weed Board; Governor Inslee had not yet proposed his budget.

- In the tort claim against WSDA for pesticide drift in Willapa Bay, the court ruled in favor of WSDA.
- Knotweed coordinator position is currently open; they plan to hire someone soon.

Discussion:

- Nancy Ness asked if the Pacific County Weed Board had hired a coordinator. Alison had heard there was an interim coordinator and will see if there have been any changes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Alison has been checking introduced bills daily. There hasn't been anything too exciting yet, but there is a bill that would amend the public meetings act and one that would require state employees and boards to undergo ethics training. Many bills have been introduced addressing wolves.

Discussion:

- Dirk mentioned that there might be a bill opening up the weed laws. Alison replied that she had not heard of anything happening.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Alison: The Budget Committee reviewed the budget yesterday. There is unspent money, but it is already allocated towards printing, Class A eradication projects, website maintenance, operational costs, etc., and we are pretty much on track.

CLASS A ERADICATION PROPOSALS

Butch suggested that they not vote today. Alison thanked Board members who have already sent their input and top selections. It would be a good idea to schedule a special meeting in February to discuss the proposals and then vote. Based on suggestions, it would be a good idea to provide a flow chart or check list to ensure consistency in the selection process and for Board members to provide rationales for their decisions. Alison will poll board members to schedule the special meeting.

STATE WEED BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

Chair

- Jerry thanked Butch for his years serving as Chair and nominated Sarah Cooke. Mary seconded.
- Butch nominated Tony Stadelman. Sarah seconded.

Paper ballots were provided to Board members present in Olympia. Alison, Wendy, and Greg Haubrich called Board members who attended remotely for their votes. Result: Tony Stadelman was elected Chair with 5 votes; Sarah received 3. Alison also thanked Butch for serving as Chair.

Vice-Chair

- Jerry nominated Sarah Cooke. Bill seconded.
- No other nominations and vote was unanimous.

Secretary

- Jerry nominated Dirk Veleke. Sarah seconded.
- No other nominations and vote was unanimous.

Tony mentioned that to ensure more diversity in his Weed District, they rotated the chairmanship among the Directors. He suggested rotating the State Weed Board’s chairmanship annually. It would be good to give each Board member that perspective. Butch said it was a good idea, but that it takes a full year to settle into the role of Chair.

REVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: deferred to next meeting

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Alison would like to develop a weed listing primer for the entire weed listing process that will be shared with new state and county weed board members, coordinators, and the NWC so that everyone understands the process. Board members and NWC members should have a flow chart or checklist when considering proposals and should be able to provide the rationale for their decisions. It is important to standardize the process, even if each listing is unique.

Dirk pointed out that Douglas County has been going a long time without a weed board. It is one of the largest agricultural counties and their weed program now is just a token program. It might be time again to educate the Commissioners about the benefits of a county weed board.

Discussion:

- It would be a good idea to get support from Douglas County farmers.
- Butch suggested that they involve Commissioner DeTro in the conversation. Alison will contact him about having a meeting with Douglas County Commissioners.
- Tony said he would be happy to attend the meeting. Dirk offered to attend, too.
- Nancy Ness mentioned the risk of Douglas County not having a weed board, as other counties may decide to opt out, too.

COORDINATORS’ FORUM

Bill Wamsley inquired about Pacific County’s noxious weed program. Alison replied that she would be looking into it.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board is asked to review its Code of Ethics before the March meeting so that changes can be made if necessary.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to adjourn the meeting
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
		All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04am

Tony Stadelman, Chairman
 Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Dirk Veleke, Secretary
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