

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
 1:00 p.m. March 13th, 2019
 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 December 28 special meeting and January 17, 2019 regular board meeting
- Office reports for January, February, and beginning March
- January budget report
- Summary of Class A eradication grant proposals
- Class A eradication proposals
- Eastern and Western Washington Garden Wise booklets
- Workshop handouts provided by Cathy Lucero

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present

Tony Stadelman	Janet Spingath	Rod Gilbert (WebEx)
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Jerry Hendrickson (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons
Brad White	Dirk Veleke	
Ken Bajema		

Others present:

- Mary Fee, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
 Wendy DesCamp, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
 Greg Haubrich, WA State Department of Agriculture
 David Woodall, WSWF (WebEx)
 Linda Brady, Adams County Weed District #1
 Todd Harris, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Dave Maiden, Walla Walla County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Larry Hudson, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Rochelle Osborne, Ferry County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Patricia Grover, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Mike Mackey, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Jeff Knutson, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Todd Davis, Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Marty Hudson, Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Joseph Shea, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

Jim Knappe, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Loretta Nichols, Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Bill Wamsley, Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board
 James D. Mallett, Cowlitz County
 Brett Burrows, Public
 John Geist, WA Department of Natural Resources
 Todd Palzer, WA Department of Natural Resources
 Killey Smith, Grays Harbor County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Marc G. Miller, Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sonny Gohrman, WA State Department of Agriculture
 Seth Luginbill, Island County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Beth Tanner, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sarah Murt, Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Marty Hudson, Klickitat County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Dale Whaley, Douglas County WSU Extension
 Micki McNaughton, WA Department of Natural Resources
 Susan Bird, Yakima County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sherri Duff, Adams County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Todd Brownlee, WA Department of Natural Resources
 Trish Durand, Grant County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Craig Hintz, Grant County Noxious Weed Control Board

EXECUTIVE SESSION- PERSONNEL

Reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved to give Wendy DesCamp a 7% raise in salary
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for the December 28 special meeting and the January 17 regular meeting.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to accept the minutes for the December 28 th special meeting.
	Bill Agosta	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

VOTE	Ken Bajema	Moved to accept the minutes for the January 17 regular meeting.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

- Janet reported on Eurasian milfoil management plan and Canadian K9 unit for noxious weeds.
- Jerry reported that he is looking forward to spring.

OFFICE UPDATES

Mary Fee reported that:

- She went to the WISC meeting, and presented at Columbia County's Annual meeting. Columbia County's meeting had about 60 attendees.
- She met with the various WSDA departments and is learning the different WSDA processes including human resources, payroll, and fiscal. She attended the WSDA Rules meeting which described the process for making rule changes pertaining to the WAC.
- The seed packets will be delivered by end of the week.
- Weed Board Elections: Dirk was elected for position 4 and Jerry was elected for position 2.
- She will be presenting at Stevens and Okanogan recertification classes. She will also be attending the SE WA CWMA meeting and report on the draft RCW 17.10 changes.
- She is also prepping for the Salmon Funding Recovery Board presentation on March 5th, promoting noxious weed control in salmon habitat.

Wendy DesCamp reported that:

- Garden Wise is reprinted and thanked Laurel Baldwin for the cover artwork.
- She also helped with the seed packet updates
- She attended the NW Flower and Garden show and thanked the counties for helping staff the booth. The booth had approximately 1528 visitors.
- Wendy reported on the UW Botanical Symposium and Jenifer Parsons' presentation.
- The Toxic Plants Booklet is being updated and reprinted.

WSDA UPDATE

Greg Haubrich reported that:

- The WSDA is updating their website and will be organized by subject rather than by program. It should be available in April.
- Greg talked to Jon Jennings of DOE and the NPDES permit is still not issued. It will probably be available later this season. They are looking at modifying aminopyralid and tamano zone this season.
- Greg reported that the application paperwork was submitted for forest service grant.
- The public weed map viewer is available on their website. Open source software to develop some potential distribution models may be using Maxsent, state wide models initially and then down to county level.
- Greg will be on extended leave in April.

The Board and audience discussed: Bill Wamsley asked if the Pisces website is changing? Greg replied yes and it will hopefully be better to use and keep the CWMA website updated more easily.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Tony asked Brad about the WSDA Task Force. Brad replied that there has been no new information and there won't be an update until after this legislative session ends.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board reviewed the January table highlighting expenses and budget items.

Tony asked where they were with the special project money. Mary stated that it is all allocated, they should have more information by the May meeting.

CLASS A ERADICATION PROPOSALS RECEIVED FOR FY19 - 8 proposals totaling \$30,902 with \$15,000 available.

The board reviewed the spreadsheet highlighting species, budget, and minimal background for each project.

- Pacific County was not present so the Board moved on to the next proposal.
- Asotin County, common crupina submitted by Sarah Murt. Dirk asked about in-kind donations and Sarah stated that landowners contribute labor and monitoring. Tony asked about WDFW spraying Tordon and about using products with residual. Greg noted that where the crupina is growing, it is pretty close to the bank of the river so you wouldn't want to use Tordon.
- Asotin County, Mediterranean sage submitted by Sarah Murt. Sarah stated that it is a big issue in Asotin. The large infestations took 4 days to spray. Hopefully this year it will not as big, but it will come back from seedbank. The weed board funded last year's treatment. Dirk asked about landowner contributions. Sarah said land owners would contribute in-kind contributions later in the year. The Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board would like to help with initial treatment. Dirk hopes next year the landowners can contribute more. Ken agrees and would like more landowner contributions. Tony asked how many landowners were included in this project. Sarah said mostly one landowner with a lot of land. Janet asked about the possibility of partially funding proposals. The Board agreed with this.
- WDFW, Mediterranean sage, submitted by David Woodall. David explained that the Blue Mountains Wildlife Area Mediterranean sage has been a problem since at least 2006. It was controlled and surveyed last year, but they found new plants outside of treatment area. This is the reasoning for asking for funding, to help get it back in control in the Asotin Creek Wildlife Area. It is steep and rocky. There is a \$5,000 match from WDFW. Tony asked about funding from BPA and the Mule Deer Foundation. David has applied for these this year but hasn't heard back yet.
- Island County, garlic mustard submitted by Seth Luginbill. Seth was grateful to have funding from the State Weed Board in the past. They are asking for funding for two infestation, (one on Whidbey Island and one on Camano Island) that includes six landowners. Landowners have contributed financially in the past. Seth described several of the landowners and their need for help. Seth has seen eradication on two or three parcels, but others populations are still present. Time and county resources will be utilized. Ken asked who would be doing the treatment. Seth said he is a one man show, does digging and spraying but doesn't have much time to do physical

control work. Seth said a couple of sites are down to dozen plants. Dirk asked about herbicides. Seth reported that landowners don't want herbicide and he is trying to work with these landowners to come up with a plan. Tony asked about ROW reimbursement? Seth said the ROW is a small area on both sides of road. Tony asked if there is a mowing program? Seth stated they have been training, but struggle with new mowers. The county weed board is gaining compliance, but even this past year a new small populations was found down the road. Tony asked about in-kind from County? Seth described the agreement with Public Works and that the Board would rather he do the job correctly. Dirk stated County Public Works should be paying. Seth agreed that they are paying for control on the ROW. Dirk asked about going to the county for additional funding. Seth stated they did but they said no.

- Skamania County, garlic mustard submitted by Emily Stevenson. Ken asked how many years they have been working on it? Emily stated that the infestation was found in 2006/2007. Dirk asked how many years the State Board has been helping out with this project. Emily said since 2010 (but not every year). Emily stated that there has been good progress in the one large area, with a reduction in plants, but the site conditions are difficult. She has seen 1" flowering plants going to seed and plants going to seed after they have already been treated that year. One landowner asked for help when they were monitoring as it does get out of control. She has a new site as of two years ago. She is mainly using triclopyr in early spring, and can try in the fall too. Dirk asked what the landowners are doing. Emily stated that landowners are paying some but must have a contract before doing any work. Dirk asked if the county can kick in funding. Emily has been able to obtain some county funding. Tony asked about other chemicals and Emily explained that it is tough because the infestations are in forested areas by the water. The Skamania County NWCB are part of a regional group that is working on garlic mustard control, research, and sharing ideas. This is the best control plan they have found so far for the site.
- Mason County, giant hogweed submitted by Pat Grover. Pat described the project and noted that they keep finding more plants. There have been 90 sites found and the majority of them have been eradicated. She can't visited all of them. Pat is funded at 30 hours/week, year round. She has an assistant. Dirk asked about landowner contributions? Pat explained that they have an engaged group. Pat is finding new sites. They don't have the opportunity to drive around the county to see all the sites. Once the majority of the infestation is controlled, her board is then willing to send letters if landowners are not making progress. Ken asked about the Board match of \$2400 and is that in addition to the \$5000? Pat stated yes and it fund her 40 hours/week for May and June.
- Clark County, giant hogweed submitted by Justin Collell. Justin reviewed the attachments showing the history and were the giant hogweed infestations geographically stretched out. The Salmon Creek stretch continually has new infestations, including six new sites. Justin has increased surveys and he wants to survey again, expanding to the surrounding areas. The county weed board is very interested in landowners controlling infestations themselves and will enforce if necessary. This project will check existing sites, survey, and treat new areas. Dirk asked why this project is asking for money for survey work. Justin stated that they did ask for an assessment last year but it didn't happen and that grants like this are a good opportunity to make contact with landowners.

VOTE	Dirk Veleke	Moved to fund the common crupina project at \$2000
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	Further discussion	Janet asked about reviewing their priorities. Jerry agreed that was a good approach.
	Dirk Veleke	Withdrew the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Dirk noted that the Asotin County proposal for common crupina is a high priority. Janet asked why? Dirk thought good proposal/project.

Janet discussed getting the biggest bang for buck.

Jerry thinks they should not have come in with two proposals from the same county.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved that the Board fund the Mediterranean sage proposal at \$3000
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Tony asked for a motion to fund the WDFW Mediterranean sage project for \$5,000. No motion was made.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the Board fund the Island County garlic mustard proposal for \$2,900.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

VOTE	Ken Bajema	Moved that the Board fund the Skamania County garlic mustard proposal for \$2,000.
	Janet Spingath	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The Board asked that Pat talk about the Mason County project again. Mason County NWCB has match funding from the county. Pat will have 60 hours total of time in April, May, and June. Match funding of \$2400 will be used for her salary, assistant time, and equipment. Weed Board funding will be used for additional salaries, money for gas, visiting sites, and treating plants with spraying and injection.

Janet feels this project has a good chance for success.

VOTE	Janet Spingath	Moved that the Board fund the Mason County giant hogweed proposal for \$5,000.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	Majority in favor, one opposed (Dirk Veleke), motion carried.
VO TF	Janet Spingath	Moved that the Board to fund the Asotin County common crupina proposal for \$2,000.

	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR A BREAK AT 2:46 P.M.

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3:00 P.M.

BOARD OFFICER POSITIONS

Tony opened up nominations for the Board Chair. Jerry nominated Tony for the Chair. Bill seconded the nomination.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved for a unanimous ballot vote for Tony to be Chair.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Tony opened up nominations for Vice Chair. Jerry nominated Bill. Dirk seconded the nomination.

VOTE	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved for a unanimous ballot vote for Bill to be Vice Chair.
	Dirk Veleke	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

Tony opened up nominations for Secretary. Bill nominated Dirk for secretary. Ken seconded the nomination.

VOTE	Bill Agosta	Moved for a unanimous ballot vote for Dirk to be secretary.
	Ken Bajema	Seconded the motion
	<i>The Board</i>	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Tony mentioned Tim Miller’s retirement and appointed Jenifer Parsons as the Noxious Weed Committee Chair.
- Tony introduced the letter to the governor. Janet read the letter out loud. Sonny Gorchman asked about including Spartina. Janet suggested being more direct and had a few grammar and editing remarks. Tony wondered about tying this letter to the decline of Orca populations. Janet thought there needed to be more of a focus on noxious weeds. Jerry agreed but asked if this will get someone’s attention. Jenifer suggested making a connection between salmon and noxious weeds and Orcas. Tony asked when the final draft will be available. Mary will work on it over the next two weeks. Board members will send edits to Mary and she will send out the revised letter to the Board.
- Biennial Report. Mary gave everyone a draft copy. She would like comments in the next few weeks. Tony asked board members to look it over and let her know your edits.

- Board Member Handbook. Janet discussed the handbook. Mary gave the board a rough draft including table of contents and appendices. This will be a good reference for the Board. Janet thanked Mary for her work on it. This is a priority to Mary for the May meeting.
- Succession of Officers. Janet noted that there isn't really a plan for officer succession. If someone leaves the board then who will fill in the officer positions? They could develop a succession plan. They can find out how other boards handle succession. Janet offered to bring examples to the next board meeting. Tony thought Janet had good points and asked the Board to think about it.
- Letters of Recommendation. Janet is the Western WA public interest representative, and she is finding folks eradicating weeds in her area all of the time. She wants to solicit counties on the west side for nominations of people that the Board can send letter of commendation or thanking them for their service. She didn't know if Carey Caruso would want to do this for the east side too. Tony can sign the letter.

COORDINATORS FORUM

- Cathy Lucero stated that it is horrible that the Board is trying to make decisions with no money to hand out concerning class A projects. This could be a case for legislation for funding. She stated that this process was painful. Tony asked about increasing the State Weed Board funding. Brad stated that the Board has to make a request to the legislature for increased funding. Cathy said coordinators would come testify. Janet asked if this is something the legislative committee would take up. Tony stated that the last time they had an increase of about \$100k ten years ago.
- Sonny stated that they are asking coordinators with no funds to apply for \$2-3k grants. The amount of time and the submission process makes it not worth it. Sonny stated that if a grant is not for 10k or more then it's not worth applying. Grant amounts need to be worthwhile for Dirk.
- Jim Mallot who is also on Conservation Board, stated that every year he goes up and talks to legislation for funding.
- Joseph Shea stated that the whole tone of the grant process is not in the right area. There is a general unwillingness to fund these projects for which they are being asked to write proposals. Surveys aren't being funded. Joseph questioned that if there is a stance that landowners have to pay for everything then why give out grants?
- Mary asked about the next meeting. The Board talked about moving it or having a traveling meeting. The Board discussed going to Class A project site. Ken suggested a Mediterranean sage site in Asotin County. Janet thinks it's important to go see what they paid for and is interested in Columbia County. Mary will confirm with Naedene and work with her for a site visit and can set a location. She can put in a request for two nights for board travel reimbursement.

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

STATE BOARD AND COORDINATOR WORKSHOP PORTION OF BOARD MEETING

This portion of the board meeting started at 3:33 p.m.

This workshop included the board, county coordinators and staff. Cathy Lucero led the workshop. She passed out several questionnaires and discussion topics.

The State Board filled out questionnaires pertaining to why they are on the board and information regarding their priorities and responsibilities. Each board member gave a brief description of their position, why they are on the board, and their priorities.

County coordinators and staff completed a questionnaire regarding tasks and responsibilities in which they designated as either county board/coordinator, coordinators association, state board, or county legislative authority responsibilities. The coordinators each stated their top three priorities and who they would like to see be responsible for those tasks. Examples included class A funding, county board technical support, county legislative authority and county board rapport building, and enforcements. The groups discussed priorities and suggestions. Cathy will give feedback from the returned questionnaires and discussion from this workshop.

The board meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm by a motion by Bill Agosta, and seconded by Dirk Veleke. All in favor.

Tony Stadelman, Chairman
WSNWCB

Dirk Veleke, Secretary
WSNWCB

Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB