

**Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board November Meeting
1:00 p.m. December 21, 2020
Online/Teleconferenced via WebEx Only due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- RCW 17.10 Draft Changes

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

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present via WebEx

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| Tony Stadelman | Bill Agosta | Randy Johnson |
| Jerry Hendrickson | Janet Spingath | Steven Seefeldt |
| Dirk Veleke | Brad White | Jenifer Parsons |
| Ken Bajema | Carey Caruso | |

Others present via WebEx:

Mary Fee, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board
 Allen Evenson, Grant County Noxious Weed District
 Justin Bush, WA Invasive Species Council
 Cathy Lucero, Clallam County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Emily Stevenson, Skamania County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Joseph Shea, Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Scott Wilson, Whitman County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Geraldine Saw, Snohomish County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Sharon Sorby, Pend Orielle County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Jennifer Mendoza, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Marc Eylar, Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Larry Hudson, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Bill Wamsley, Lewis County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Ashley Arthur, King County Noxious Weed Control Board
 Cevin Tylar, Clark County
 Ralph Johnson, Department of Natural Resources
 Ray Willard, Washington State Department of Transportation
 Dave Heimer, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- RCW 17.10 Draft Changes Review- The board reviewed the tentative draft changes one section at a time.
 - Parcel definitions- Ray noted that interstate highways are federal owned. Ray sent out a follow-up email after the meeting regarding the ownership of the

highways in Washington State. The email clarified that WA State highways and interstate highways are owned and managed by WSDOT other than those highways traveling through Federal Forest Service or other Federal Lands.

Janet asked about rail road parcels. Marc stated that in Kittitas County, they are treated like private parcels.

- County Weed Board Members- Ken noted that he is in support of keeping the requirement of 4 county weed board members engaged in the primary production of agricultural products.
- Appointment of county board members- Randy suggested changing the period for 30 days to 60 days to allow county legislative authorities to appoint noxious weed control board members. Cathy also voiced support of this change.
- Special Assessment 17.10.240- Tony questioned the need to add county lands to this section. Cathy explained special benefit for state lands. It was noted that state, county, and other municipalities should be included. Ray noted the process for assessing WSDOT in each county.
- Owner’s Duty to Control 17.10.140- It was noted that the 200 ft buffer along roads, rivers, and staging areas etc. needed to be put back into section c. It may have been removed via a typo.
- Randy expressed concern about allocating additional work to the county assessors.
- Deactivation of County Noxious Weed Boards RCW 17.10.180- Dave questioned the definition of and/or regarding having no class A and/or class B noxious weeds within the county. Mary will get clarification on which word and/or would be appropriate here.
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| VOTE | Janet Spingath | Moved to accept and support the draft changes to RCW 17.10. |
| | Dirk Veleke | Seconded the motion |
| | <i>The Board</i> | All else in favor, no opposition, motion carried. Ken Bajema and Randy Johnson abstained. |

Discussion- Dirk expressed concern about other entities being able to have input into the RCW and making unwarranted changes. Ken agreed with Dirk about the introduction of unwanted changes.

- Education Specialist Position- Mary reported on the process and that the position is being re-classified with some minor changes. Tony reported on the hiring committee.

The board meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m. by a motion by Bill Agosta, and seconded by Jerry Hendrickson. All in favor.

Tony Stadelman, Chairman
WSNWCB

Dirk Veleke, Secretary
WSNWCB

Mary Fee, Executive Secretary WSNWCB