

**Regular Meeting of the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board**  
**9:00 a.m. January 15, 2015**  
**Online/Teleconferenced meeting via WebEx and hosted at the Natural Resource Building,**  
**Room 259, located at 1111 Washington St., Olympia, WA 98504**

Handouts provided for meeting:

- Agenda for meeting
- Draft meeting minutes for November 2014 board meeting
- Office reports for November and December
- Budget summary spreadsheet
- 2015 Noxious Weed Lists and pollinator-friendly seed packets

**Meeting called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Chairman Tony Stadelman**

**ROLL CALL:**

*Board Members Present*

Tony Stadelman	Butch Klaveano (WebEx)	Jenifer Parsons (WebEx)
Sarah Cooke (WebEx)	Bob Roth (WebEx)	
Brad White	Jerry Hendrickson (WebEx)	
Bill Agosta (WebEx)	Rod Gilbert	

*Others present:*

Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Greg Haubrich, Washington State Department of Agriculture (WebEx)  
 Pat Grover, Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Nancy Ness, Grays Harbor County Noxious Weed Control Board  
 Raquel Crosier, Washington Invasive Species Council  
 Dave Heimer, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Angelica Velazquez, Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)  
 Anna Lyon, Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board (WebEx)

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:**

- Bill Agosta: San Juan County NWCB ended the year with a \$4K rollover.
- Brad White: The legislative session had started. The honey bee working group wanted to introduce a bill that would require the state weed board to add a bee keeper to its membership.
- Sarah Cooke: She had been invited to give a talk about weedy grasses at the Nisqually.
- Jenifer Parsons: The Western Aquatic Plant Management Society would be holding its annual meeting March 31 – April 1 in Portland.
- Tony Stadelman had attended the Grant County NWCB weed conference and was pleased by the large turnout.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes for November

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved to accept the minutes for the November 2014 Board meeting
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**OFFICE REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the office reports for November and December. Alison mentioned that:

- Wendy had been working to update several written findings (Scotch broom, poison hemlock), as well as editing the updated WF on Brazilian elodea that Jenifer had worked on. She had made updates to the website for the newly listed noxious weeds when she had been in the office in December.
- Alison had written the Concise Explanatory Statement (CES) and submitted the necessary paperwork for the 2015 noxious weed list.
- One of Alison’s biggest projects this late fall and winter was to go through 20+ boxes of old files. A lot of it consisted of paper copies of digital files that could be recycled. Some of it, such as the rule-making, was scanned and sent to archives. There were a lot of potentially valuable historical documents that she was scanning. It was a time-consuming process to rename and organize digital documents but it would make them more readily accessible than having the hard copies sitting in storage.
- The non-invasive, pollinator-friendly seed packets had arrived and looked fantastic. She had been invited to the Olympia Beekeepers’ Association meeting Monday evening to talk about the seed packets and was well received. She would be working to get the seed packets and brochures out to the county weed boards.
- The NW Flower and Garden Show was coming up in February, and Alison would start planning for it soon.

The Board and audience discussed:

- Nancy Ness mentioned that she would be planning a pollinator conservation event at the fairgrounds.

**WSDA UPDATE**

Brad White had provided the WSDA update during the Board member update.

The Board and audience discussed:

- Nancy Ness asked if the knotweed webpage was going to be updated.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** The legislative session had started Monday. Alison would be looking at the introduced bills daily.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Alison provided the report. There was a net balance of about \$22K, but this was mainly attributed to unspent money in printing (\$9K), special projects (\$5K), website maintenance (\$1K) and unspent salary. The special projects money would be used for the pollinator-friendly seed packets and seed packet design by Drake Cooper. WSDA and WISC had also chipped in to help cover the cost.

The State Weed Board had allocated \$10K towards Class A eradication projects and had received seven proposals from county weed boards and one tribe, requesting a total of about \$16K. Alison had provided a spreadsheet that summarized the proposed projects and covered the recent history of eradication efforts of those infestations when applicable. She also provided Tim Miller’s comments, which he had submitted prior to the meeting. The Board discussed:

- Several of the Board members had ranked the proposals in the same order as Tim had.

<b>VOTE</b>	Bill Agosta	Moved to fund the proposals based on Tim’s recommendations.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

**UPDATES FROM STATE AGENCIES**

Dave Heimer, WDFW.

- Dave was working on annual weed surveys and had half the reports in from crews. Some of the priority noxious weeds that were controlled included reed canarygrass, Canada thistle, butterfly bush, phragmites, purple loosestrife, and Russian thistle.
- WDFW had been reseeding following the Carlton Complex wildfire.
- Some crews were now using iForms to map noxious weeds. They had used it for Spartina last year. It had been adapted to include treatment records and was being used to track fish.
- The amount of Spartina in Grays Harbor and Willapa Bay continued to drop. However, they were finding more in Puget Sound.

The Board discussed:

- Jerry Hendrickson asked when reseeding took place. Dave was not sure.
- Tony asked about noxious weed control on the Columbia River. Dave replied that they had been working with DNR and BLM on weed control. He mentioned that staffing had increased in the Basin, and he noted that there was a civil relationship between the county weed boards and WDFW at the local level.

Raquel Crosier, WISC.

- Raquel introduced herself to the Board. It was her second weed as the WISC Executive Coordinator.
- She was looking at state and federal funding initiatives.
- There had been a recent feral pig sighting in Vader.
- She was looking for ideas to promote the WISC invasive species app.

The Board discussed:

- Alison mentioned that Greg had covered the WISC app at the Grant County NWCB weed conference the day before.
- Rod Gilbert mentioned that the problem with shooting feral pigs is that the smarter ones were surviving and breeding.
- Pat Grover asked if there was a WISC poster.

**STATE WEED BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS: CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARY**

Chair:

<b>VOTE</b>	Butch Klaveano	Moved to nominate Tony Stadelman as Chair.
	Jerry Hendrickson	Seconded the motion.

<b>VOTE</b>	Sarah Cooke	Moved to close nominations for Chair.
	Butch Klaveano	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted unanimously in favor.

Vice-chair

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to nominate Sarah Cooke as Vice-chair.
	Butch Klaveano	Seconded the motion.

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to close nominations for Vice-chair.
	Butch Klaveano	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted unanimously in favor.

Secretary:

<b>VOTE</b>	Tony Stadelman	Moved to nominate Dirk Veleke as Secretary
	Butch Klaveano	Seconded the motion.

<b>VOTE</b>	Jerry Hendrickson	Moved to close nominations for Secretary.
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	Voted unanimously and enthusiastically in favor.

### COORDINATOR'S FORUM

- Nancy Ness noted that Cathy Lucero had won the National Invasive Species Awareness Week Terrestrial Leadership award. Nancy had nominated her. She asked if the WSNWCB might be able to help fund Cathy's trip to DC. Unfortunately, they could not use their funds for that purpose.
- Pat Grover mentioned she was having trouble filling vacancies on the Mason County NWCB.
- Nancy asked if a Grays Harbor Spartina coordinator had been hired yet. One had not yet been hired.

### MEETING EVALUATION

Next meeting was March 11, in Chelan, prior to weed coordinator's conference.

<b>VOTE</b>	Butch Klaveano	Motioned to adjourn the meeting.
	Sarah Cooke	Seconded the motion.
	The Board	All in favor, no opposition, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

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Tony Stadelman, Chairman  
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

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Dirk Veleke, Secretary  
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Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary  
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