

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
WASHINGTON STATE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
Online Meeting – Tuesday, March 29, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Butch Klaveano	Jerry Hendrickson
Tony Stadleman	Ken Bajema
Mary Toohey	Sarah Spear Cooke
Joe Coombs	Tim Miller

OTHERS PRESENT

Wendy DesCamp, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board
Beki Shoemaker, Pierce County Noxious Weed Board
Mike Baden, Pierce Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

CALL FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PIERCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND PIERCE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD REVISED KNOTWEED PROPOSAL

The Board discussed:

- Number of hours this proposal funds. Mike Baden estimated this proposal funds about half of the knotweed field technicians 40 hour work week from now up to June 30, 2011. This funding will also allow the lead technician to be out in the field with a group of interns (no cost for interns) and this will essentially multiply the amount of work done with this funding.
- Land owners/managers participation. There is a CWMA that is involved with this project and Mount Rainier, DNR, Tacoma Power and others are partners. Mount Rainier staff is working on knotweed control within the park. Pierce Conservation District is the lead on this work outside of park land.
- Survey work. Survey work will be done on all past treated areas and some new areas as well. Not all the area will be covered due to the rough terrain and the time limitations.
- Knotweed treatment. Treatment on knotweed will begin once plants are large enough to have effective kill—generally when they are about 3 to 4 feet tall. If the plants are too small treatment will not be effective. July 1st is a general date of when plants are big enough, treatment will begin before that date if plants are of adequate treatment size.

Jerry Hendrickson moves to fund the proposal of the Pierce Conservation District 2011 Knotweed Project
Ken Bajema seconded motion
Butch Klaveano asked if there was further discussion

The Board discussed:

- Discussion point about landowner responsibility of knotweed control. This point is a concern for Pierce Conservation District and Pierce County Noxious Weed Board and was discussed at their past CWMA meeting and is an ongoing topic. Skagit County CWMA knotweed control project is similar in that it controls knotweed on private land. Though landowners are not controlling it, they

give permission for control work to be done, ensuring treatments will be done and they will be done properly.

Board Vote called by Butch Klaveano: There was no opposition against funding the proposal.
Motion passed

Mike Baden thanked the WSNWCB

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY BOARD

The Board discussed:

- Discussion point about funding other knotweed proposals. Currently it is thought that if there is any extra money to fund knotweed projects there isn't much left. This particular project was the top ranking one for the WSDA to fund, meeting all of their criteria (of those having their funding pulled back). Butch will check in with Alison to see what the status of funds for this might be though it was noted the timeline would be tough what with the upcoming end of the fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tony had some audio trouble and did not hear the end of the meeting or the vote. Butch informed him the proposal passed unopposed.

Sarah Spear Cooke moved to end the special meeting to vote on the Pierce Conservation District Revised Knotweed Proposal request

Joe Coombs seconded

Board Voted, passed unanimously

The Board adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Wendy DesCamp, Outreach Specialist and Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary

Respectfully submitted,

Butch Klaveano, Chairman
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

Tony Stadelman, Secretary
Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board