

NOXIOUS WEED Board MEETING
December 11th, 2025, Video Meeting / In-person
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMEBERS Present:

Todd Peplin DSWCD	Joe Mauti	Dan Son
Nicole High Desert Museum	Cody S.	Lorena Brown

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Kevin Moriarty	Lauren Street	Ben Hanah
Rob Fox BPRD	Shane Palmer FS	Claire McClafferty SROA
Seth Flanders DSWCD		

Minutes

Review November 13th, 2025 minutes. Joe with Motion to pass, Dan second with updates.
Approved.

Outreach and Event Season & Discussion

Education and outreach events for 2026:

Deschutes County Fair (first weekend in August)

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council River Cleanup (July 11th)

La Pine Rhubarb Festival

Home & Garden Show.

Deschutes County staff will send volunteer surveys out in early spring to volunteers to get responses back for events. Staff will conduct survey on a platform so that people can see which events have already been booked up and who signed up. Joe with BPRD will communicate with the Deschutes Upper Watershed Council on volunteers and organize so that the Noxious Weed portion goes smoothly. Lauren will gather dates for 2026 events. The County will be purchasing more metal prints that will be hung in the Noxious Weed Wagon. The group expressed interest in QR codes for documents and outreach materials. Lorena will check in with the National Forest aquatics team to see if they have any mussel samples for display. Staff will look for a booklet on Central Oregon noxious weeds. Shane offered to make flyers or anything requiring graphic design. The group discussed the importance of having live plant samples as well as having examples of the native vs. invasive grasses. Dan Son will reach out to native plant nurseries that could potentially be a resource for people that what to replace noxious weeds with native on their property. Shane mentioned that the High Desert Native Plant Society of Oregon might be able to donate some native potted plants to have out at the Noxious Weed Wagon at events.

Natural Resources staff will send the Deschutes County 2025 Noxious Weed list to the group to review and the Noxious Weed Board will recommend changes and approve them in January.

Grants

Dan Son discussed the ODA State Weed Board noxious weed grants that are currently open. This cycle has \$1,500,000 in the general fund and is offering a separate County grant program with \$250,000. County grants cannot be a state A listed species, but you can apply for a state A listed species through the general fund pool. The applications are due December 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Deschutes County will likely hold off on applying for the 2025 ODA grant opportunity this year.

Roundtable:

Ben Hanah – Road Department staff has been putting residual down due to the warm weather.

Nicole – She put a noxious weed management plan together. Dan Son walked the property with High Desert staff, so they have a good idea what to do for treatments.

Joe BPRD – Moving forward his team will be working on mapping treatments.

Dan Son ODA – Field season is over. Working on annual report for the region. Draft grant reviews are coming in. ODA is working on updating management plans for both A and B(T) state listed noxious weeds.

Lorena B. – Her team did some annual grass treatments out near Sisters and Green Ridge. Their program manager is working on contracts and agreements for 2026.

Kevin M. – Kevin has been working with Jon Skidmore with COID on getting a representative at the noxious weed board meeting. Kevin will be resigning from his position on December 19th.

Todd Peplin DSWCD – Treatments are wrapping up. Todd has been talking to the Arnold irrigation district (Chris Webb) about noxious weeds and the noxious weed board. Todd will be retiring on the 18th of this month. Seth Flanders will be taking his position and managing the irrigation/agriculture as well as the upland projects.

Cody S. – Black Butte Conservancy had the Black Butte Natural Resources staff do a walk and talk presentation with the group and discussed treatments and additional outreach with community members. Staff has done some Reed Canary grass treatment on the property and will be replacing it with native species.

Shane Palmer – Annual grass treatments were able to happen over the last few days due to good weather. Treatments were limited due to the government shutdown. Shane will be transitioning into surveying Scotch Broom sites over the winter, close to 50 sites.

Meeting Schedule Next meeting is January 8th, 2025. In person, Deschutes County Road Department – 61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97702 – Virtual option will be available.
MEETING ADJOURNED

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