

**NOXIOUS WEED Board MEETING**  
**March 13, 2025, Video Meeting / In-person**  
**Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD MEMEBERS Present:**

Beth Johnson	Joe Mauti	Lorena Brown
Todd Peplin	Dan Son	

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:**

Kevin Moriarty	Laren Street	Ben Hanna
Nicole Swarts	Hayley Brazier	Kelli Candella

**Minutes**

Minutes for October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and January 9<sup>th</sup> approved M/S/C, February 13 approved with changes, M/S/C.

**Board Terms:**

Renewal of terms for Joe, Jacob, Beth and Todd. New board members: Dan Son, Teresa Stovall, Nicole Swarts.

Chairperson: Joe Mauti – nominated in February, vote taken to accept as Chairperson, M/S/C. Application for Board position will be open ended moving forward.

**Review 2025 Noxious Weed List**

Discussion on moving Scotch thistle to B rated list. Moving from A rated to B rated does not change how agency treats weed. Discussion on enforcement and who proceeds with enforcement, fines or other avenues of responsibility. Kevin and Ben would be inspecting an infected area and would move the issue to an enforcement level. Currently enforcement is not a priority. The preferred method of dealing with weed issue is to educate homeowner and promote standard treatment procedures.

Discussion on moving Scotch broom to A rated list. Request to remove the + next to False Brome as it is now found in Deschutes County.

These changes to weed list for 2025: Move Scotch thistle to B list, move Scotch broom to A list and remove + for False brome – M/S/C all confirmed.

**Outreach Material:**

Add to trailer hit list with photos of specific weeds, these photos are of weeds that need to be pushed to be treated. Deschutes County has funding to add items such as photos, educational

material and swag. Add models, presses and photos, group will assist in gathering these items for trailer. Make Orange hawkweed flyer to add to educational items.

The following photos will be made on large style metal frames: Orange hawkweed, Scotch broom, Hoary alyssum, Myrtle spurge, Yellow flag iris and Yellow floating heart.

Borrow ODA's Plinko board for upcoming events.

**Upcoming event sign-ups:** Lauren sent a sign-up document for volunteers to select a work schedule for events.

**Roundtable:**

Ben Hanna – will start roadside spraying next week. Waiting on funding to work with ODOT – Hwy 97 roadside treatment. Meeting with ODOT on 3/14/25.

Lorena: Can now put agreements through to start processing. Treatment for a gravel lot at the Deschutes office for Russian thistle will begin soon.

Dan – giving talks and planning with partners for projects through mid-May. Mid-May will begin treatment in Klamath County.

Joe – burning project/fire fuels currently being done. This season there is a full Natural Resources crew for treatment and mowing projects.

Todd- Shared Washington aquatic invasive swag bag. Will check if more can be purchased. Discussed small seeding grants available.

Beth – nothing to report

Ryan – Forest Service agreement on hold, BLM contract cancelled.

Lauren / Kevin M – Lauren working on securing \$3.5 million fire fuel grant. Northwest side of Bend – treatments on county owned property.

**Meeting Schedule** Next meeting is April 10, 2025. In person, Deschutes County Road Department – 61150 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, OR 97702 – Virtual option will be available.  
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