

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2020 Video Meeting
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Sarah Canham	Julie Craig	Autumn Loewen	Toni Stephan
Elizabeth Johnson	Jeff Amaral	Christina Veverka	

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Ed Keith	Charlie Hanna	Kelli Candella	
<u>Guests:</u> Will Lackey	Tim McGinnis	Todd Peplin	Mike Crumrine

Minutes

Minutes for November 12, 2020, M/S/C

Old Business

New Chair – Christina Veverka Vice- Chair – Elizabeth Johnson

Weed List – no changes made at this time

New Business

Will Lackey and Tim McGinnis give an overview of the weed program for 2020, ODOT and DC Road Department has worked hand in hand to support weed treatment throughout the county.

- Hwy 97 to Vandervert South
- Hwy 20 west Bend to Suttle Lake
- Expanding on Hwy 242

Will watch closely treated areas as spring comes to determine other areas DCRD will handle within contract. Initial treatment six-foot from edge of pavement, with four-foot clear zone, will work with DCRD on chemicals used, spot treatment beyond 6 foot from pavement. Discussion of Bend Parkway median, sagebrush taken out and weeds are now growing. ODOT will hit hard and hit it early, treat more like bare ground. Russian thistle and knapweed is popping up within the median.

Right of Way to be treated past Sisters by DCRD and past County line, Jefferson County will complete spraying in upcoming season. Forest Service must approve product, pesticide used; submitted of few months in advance. Will Lackey will assist Charlie Hanna with pre-planning. Proposal to sit down to review plan with Forest Service, ODOT and DCRD, discuss what weed should be targeted.

Discussion on what areas within City of Bend limits does DCD spray, crew works closely with Jimmy Hall of City of Bend. City limits toward Sisters and Redmond, Century Drive done by Forest Service up to Mt. Bachelor's doorstep.

Board Membership renewals:

Julie Craig, Jeff Amaral expires December 31, 2020 – both stated they are interested in continuing as Board members. Ed will reach out to Matt Flautt and Allen Hammerman to ask about their interest in continuing.

2021 Election of officials:

Christina Veverka and Elizabeth are both willing to continue as Chair and Vice Chair. M/S/C approval.

Discussion of 2021 goals:

Spring and summer outreach will look very different due to COVID. Discussion on outreach via media PSA/social media. In the past media outreach has been in relation to a particular project, committee would like to look into expanding to educate the public using short-recorded video presentations uploaded to weed website for viewing. Tie the timing of video push out with statewide Noxious Weed week. Various topics discussed, focus on weeds such as; Scotch thistle, Russian thistle, puncture vine, Dalmatian toadflax, knapweed, cheat grass, medusa head and orange hawkweed, important to have consistency in format of educational media/video training. We will discuss the format and outline for the videos during the January meeting.

Christina has the information on weeds that committee members provided early this year. She will share for Power Point presentation. Jeff volunteered to put together a PowerPoint presentation for use during a possible online webinar and will make it available for review in an upcoming meeting.

Roundtable

- Autumn – Question concerning how to encourage funds be used for spraying Russian thistle and Knapweed by Special Road District. Inquired about County spraying road right of ways. Charlie stated that county could not spray within road district. Encouraged Autumn to reach out to road district to discuss importance of control, and district can contract with private spray entity for treatment, if approved.
- Christina – no weed info. Completing data entry and reports for year-end reporting.
- Jeff – project for river access restoration, not direct weed related. Working on plan for project identification for upcoming year.
- Julie – nothing to report
- Charlie – reviewing contracts and trying to get up to speed on DCRD weed projects so crew is ready for spring treatment.
- Todd – Has grant funds available for weed projects that benefit watershed, please share information with others that may have qualifying project.
- Toni – working from home – Master Gardner Spring seminar virtual classes.
- Sarah – not a lot to report, County agreements allowed for spraying on BLM land. Currently working on year-end reporting.
- Ed – Cost share program funds spent for FY 20, FY 21 quite a few requests, twice as many complaints taken during this past growing season compared to past years.
- Elizabeth – nothing to report - year-end reporting

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting VIRTUAL set for January 14, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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