



KOOTENAI COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

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NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Regular Meeting – April 10, 2017
Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building
10885 N. Ramsey Road
Hayden, Idaho

Members Present: Kelly Hanson, Judd Reed, Karl Sette, Mary Vehr, and Jack Zimmer

Staff Present: Bill Hargrave, Superintendent; Shelby Heiderman and Merry Ruth Dingman, Weed Specialists; Nick Snyder, Director

Chairman Kelly Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am, roll call was taken. No conflicts of interest were declared. There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Chair Hanson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion: Judd Reed moved to accept the minutes as written. Karl Sette seconded. Motion carried.

Introduction of New Board Member: Jack Zimmer introduced himself and gave a little background on his experience with weed control.

Election of Officers: Chair Hanson asked for nominations or volunteers for Chair and Vice-chair. Discussion was held. **Motion:** Karl Sette nominated Kelly Hanson for Chair. Mary Vehr seconded. Motion carried.

Chair Hanson asked for a volunteer to serve as Vice-chair. Jack Zimmer volunteered. **Motion:** Karl Sette nominated Jack Zimmer for Vice-chair. Mary Vehr seconded. Motion carried.

Weed Program Report: Bill Hargrave thanked the members for their participation on the Advisory Board. Mr. Hargrave reported that the Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA) had applied for \$62,000 from the Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Cost Share grant this year. Mr. Hargrave stated that he sat on the Cost Share Grant Review Committee this year and the ISDA had cut all equipment requests. The award letter has not been received yet, but if the other requests are funded Kootenai County will receive about \$5,000. Discussion was held.

Mr. Hargrave informed the group of the department's educational outreach programs for this year, which include: Public Notices, Nickel's Worth articles, Spring Fest, Farm to Table, a full page ad in the Outdoor Edition of the Nickel's Worth and the North Idaho State Fair. The department will also participate in the State Forestry contest in Bonner County this spring.

Mr. Hargrave reported that the Notice of Intent Application (NPDES) had been renewed in January. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is supposed to administer the

NPDES in the future rather than the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but they will not take over until 2018 or 2019. Discussion was held.

Mr. Hargrave stated that the spray agreement had gone out to bid this year and only two companies had turned in bids. Panhandle Spray Service was awarded the bid; however, the prices are higher than the previous agreement. Discussion was held

Mr. Hargrave informed the members that the department is looking for marginal, semi-aquatic noxious weeds such as flowering rush. Some surveys will be done on Hayden, Hauser, Fernan and Coeur d'Alene lakes. Discussion was held.

Idaho State Noxious Weed List Presentation: Mr. Hargrave gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new Idaho Statewide Prohibited Genera that was just added to the State Noxious Weed List.

Mr. Hargrave asked the members to be looking for large infestations of orange hawkweed for release sites of a new biological control insect. He stated that the member who turned in the best release site would win a prize at the fall meeting. Discussion was held.

Director comments: Nick Snyder welcomed the new advisory board member. He stated that the spray agreement had gone from \$65 per hour to \$90 per hour but he believed the department would still be able to accomplish a lot. He informed the members that the department is hoping to buy a utility vehicle, spray tank and trailer with the fund balance in FY18 and that will allow them to treat many of the half acre leafy spurge parcels rather than paying the contractor. John Bruna, a retired Idaho Department of Lands forester, is coming back as the Seasonal Weed Specialist next week. John is the only seasonal employee to be nominated for and receive the Employee of the Month for Kootenai County.

Mr. Snyder informed the members that Bill Hargrave is participating in more of the State activities in Boise and Shelby Heiderman is Co-Chair of the Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area. He also thanked the members for participating on the advisory board.

MOTION: Karl Sette moved to adjourn the meeting, Mary Vehr seconded; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Merry Ruth Dingman
Recording Secretary