



KOOTENAI COUNTY

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Regular Meeting – May 1, 2019
Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building
10885 N. Ramsey Road
Hayden, Idaho

Members Present: Kelly Hanson, Laurin Scarcello, Karl Sette, Linda Ely, Jack Zimmer, Mary Vehr

Staff Present: Nick Snyder Director, Jake Strange Superintendent; Chris Adam Program Coordinator, Lynnell Smith Administrative Secretary.

Public Present: Gordon Sylte, Chris Kraft

Chairman Kelly Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am, roll call was taken. No conflicts of interest were declared at this time.

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

Motion: Linda Ely moved to accept the minutes as written. Karl Sette seconded. Motion carried.

Introduction of Staff: Director Snyder went over the reorganization chart with the advisory board. Some questions were asked about how it was working and to clarify how they understood the reorganization to be working. The meeting then moved to the Weed Program report.

Weed Program Report: Director Snyder started out with showing a power point presentation on what Idaho Code mandates and described what the plan was of the Noxious Weed Department. The Department is moving to align better with Idaho code and to establish a more comprehensive inspection of the lands in Kootenai County and on our own County properties.

Program Coordinator Chris Adam then took over presenting how the Department will go about controlling the weeds and the movement toward more education to the public. Outreach and education are going to be a very big part of our program. Helping the public understand the weeds they have and how to best treat them is the key to success for our county and its property owners. Chris will also be doing a workshop day with Woodland Middle school in middle May 2019, the Kootenai County Fair in August 2019 and various other presentations as they present themselves.

The Noxious Weed Department has a new television in its entry way that educates the public on noxious weeds and how to identify them and many other valuable tips. Videos continuously play throughout the work day.

Business:

1. Good Land Stewardship Program Recommendation action item. (Leafy Spurge)
 - A. The Advisory Board decided to table this item until May 16, 2019 when they will meet again with more information and a possible recommendation. At today's meeting the board moved to **not** retire the Good Land Steward Program without further discussion and thought on the topic.

Motion: Mary Vehr made the motion to have a special meeting on the Advisory Boards recommendation for the Good Land Steward Program .Linda Ely seconded, motion was carried unanimously. Laurin Scarcello did not vote because of a conflict of interest.

Public Comments: Gordon Sylte was present at the meeting and shared his view on the Good Land Stewardship program. He feels it is very important to keep the program in some way, but understands the need to treat for all noxious weeds. Chris Kraft was also present and had some questions on the road side spray and Noxious weeds in the area. His concerns were that the Noxious Weeds Department may not be doing enough on treating noxious weeds. His questions were answered and he was given contact information for roadside spraying problems.

Motion: Jack Zimmer moved to adjourn the meeting, Linda Ely seconded; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell M. Smith
Recording Secretary