



KOOTENAI COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

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NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Regular Meeting – October 16, 2017
Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building
10885 N. Ramsey Road
Hayden, Idaho

Members Present: Kelly Hanson, Judd Reed, Linda Ely, Jerry Wallace, Josephie Dean Jackson, Jack Zimmer and Karl Sette

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

Visitors: Kim Holzer, Ph.D., ISDA Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds Program

Chairman Kelly Hanson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. There were no conflicts of interest or changes to the agenda.

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

Motion: Linda Ely moved to accept the minutes as written. Jack Zimmer seconded.
Motion carried.

Weed Program Yearend Report: Bill Hargrave reported to the members that Panhandle Spray Service had sold during the spray season, but that the ownership change had not been a problem. Communication seems to be good with the new owners after a slow start. The price increase in the new contract did cause a small budget overage. However, for FY18 the Noxious Weed Control (NWC) Department received \$20,000 to purchase a UTV sprayer and trailer to treat leafy spurge infestations and county properties so this should keep us within budget with the increased contractor costs. Discussion was held on the 2017 Yearend Report. The Right of Way Cost Share is up and county properties acreage treated is down, partially due to the weather last spring. Leafy spurge acreage is down a little, the contractor has been spraying a buffer around the infestations the last two years, which seems to be stopping the migration of the roots. The department's Equipment Loan-Out Program acreage is up but in-kind amount is down. Jack Zimmer asked what is being done about spotted knapweed in Kootenai County and a discussion of bio-control was held.

The Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA) is now writing the 2018 ISDA Cost Share Grant, we received \$47,950 last year. Priority #1 is houndstongue and vipers bugloss control that will remain the same for 2018. Priority #2 was replacement equipment that was not funded across the state CWMA's. Priority #3 was leafy spurge herbicide and contractor services and was funded at about 50% of the request.

Mr. Hargrave reported on the educational outreach performed by NWC this year. Houndstongue mailers were sent to Fernan Terrace, Fernan Hill, French Gulch and Bayview landowners. In May, staff participated in the Farm to Table program at the fairgrounds, Idaho State Forestry

Contest, and Spring Fest. A full page invasive species informational ad was published in the Nickel's Worth in June. In August, a booth was manned at the North Idaho State Fair.

Mr. Hargrave stated the new Statewide PROHIBITED GENERA which includes plants and plant parts in the generas of *Cytisus*, *Genista*, *Spartium*, and *Chamaecytisus* additionally including "all" subtaxa of these plant genera had been added to the Idaho State Noxious Weed List. The state had also been petitioned to add some ornamental yew species to the State Noxious Weed List, but after several meetings declined to do so. It is believed it will come up for discussion again this legislative session. Discussion was held.

Mr. Hargrave informed the members that the ISDA is still managing the aquatic weed treatments in the lakes but our department does survey the lakes in Kootenai County for aquatic noxious weeds. Hauser Lake was surveyed for Eurasian watermilfoil and purple loosestrife this season. Coeur d'Alene Lake and Hayden Lake were surveyed for Eurasian watermilfoil. Discussion was held.

Mr. Hargrave introduced Kim Holzer, ISDA Section Manager for Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds, who explained the new organization that was completed this year. The ISDA web site has an updated list of staff with contact information. She stated that they have a lot of new resources and enthusiasm for being transparent and helping the public understand what they are doing and where.

Status of Advisory Board: Five members are up for reappointment; Kelly Hanson, Jerry Wallace, Karl Sette, Kevin Hoskins and Mary Vehr. Mr. Hanson, Mr. Wallace and Mr Sette have turned in applications to the BOCC. Mr. Hoskins did not reapply.

Motion: Judd Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. Jack Zimmer seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Merry Ruth Dingman
Recording Secretary