

Minutes of Wahkiakum County Noxious Weed Board Meeting April 3,2023

Call to Order – 11:05 am by Chair Todd Souvenir

Introductions- present - Chair Todd Souvenir, Board Member Jason Will, Board Member Tyson Vogeler, Manager Andy Lea, WSU Extension Carrie Backman, Wahkiakum County Commissioner Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County Weed Board Assistant Michelle Morris, Kay Walters and Curt Cleveland. Board member Ed Stornetta was absent.

Additions, deletions, or changes to agenda- change of verbiage requested by Carrie Backman.

Approval of last meeting minutes January 3, 2023- Motion Tyson V, second Jason W, approved 3-0

Public Comment- Curt Cleveland wants the laws enforced in his neighborhood, his neighbors specifically. They are refusing to do anything about the noxious weeds, and he is doing everything to keep them out of his property. Nothing ever happens to the property owners who do nothing.

Kaye Walters said someone is cutting the knotweed and throwing it in the creek and wanted to know what we could do about it.

General Discussion-

A general discussion took place about a letter and having the Prosecuting Attorney check the legality and verbiage regarding the noxious weed requirements to property owners and the penalties if the requirements are not met. Adding the Cost Share program as an incentive and possibly reimburse for physical labor that was documented, for those who are against chemicals. Board decided to table for now to rethink on this and how it could be done fairly.

Old Business- None

New Business

- Board meeting frequency -the motion to change the Board Meetings to Bi-monthly was nominated by Tyson V, second by Todd S. went to vote and was passed 2 -1. Next meeting will be on June 5th at 11:00 am in the River Street Room, no further action.
- County Weed List 2023 – general discussion regarding classes of noxious weeds and what can be added and where. The new 2023 County Weed List will have some movement of noxious weeds between Class B and C. Motion by Jason W to add horse tail species as a Class C, second by Tyson V and approved 3-0.
- Cost Share Program 2023 – General discussion regarding how to make it fair for everyone. Possible price per acre, possible reimbursement for documented physical labor for those indifferent to chemicals. The board decided to think about it and revisit next meeting. The budget of \$2,000.00 and max of \$300.00 was motioned for approval by Tyson V, second by Jason W, approved 3-0.
- Aquatic Bids 2023 - general discussion, the bids were reviewed and discussed. Tyson V motioned to accept Woodland Resources, Inc. proposal, second by Jason W, approved 3 – 0.

Manager's Report- written report submitted, general discussion followed.

Approval Of Voucher's – vouchers in the amount of \$2,726.55. motion by Jason W, second by Tyson V, approved 3-0

Next meeting- June 5, 2023 at 11:00am (subject to confirmation by County schedule)

Adjournment – 12:26pm.