

**NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING**  
**December 9, 2021 Video Meeting**  
**Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:**

Christina Veverka                      Sarah Canham                      Toni Stephan                      Matt Flautt  
Beth Johnson

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:**

Ed Keith                      Kelli Candella                      Dan Son                      Charlie Hanna

**Minutes**

Minutes for November 4, 2021, M/S/C with changes

**Old Business**

Review Weed List: Christina and Sarah are working on small changes to list, review naming of weeds to be in line with the USDA Plants database. Edits will be completed prior to January meeting, sent for review prior to meeting, during January meeting discussion and approval by committee.

Beth mentioned Sweet clover as referred to in November minutes. Ed stated that he was unaware of the history behind adding to list, in November discussion was about removing from list. Not targeted for treatment, therefore consider for removal from weed list. Christina stated that she was ok for removal as it is a great pollinator. Beth agreed that it is a great pollinator, have not really worried about Sweet clover, except in a key location or two. Treating areas currently in Green Ridge and Hwy 20, Beth agrees for removal from list.

Mike Crumrine will recommend state to add Reed canary grass weed list. Christina would like to submit a support letter from the Weed Board in support of adding Reed Canary Grass. Toni mentioned OSU has recommended it as a pasture grass, is that an issue. Reed canary grass was introduced, as a pasture grass in 1930/40's which started the infestation, Christina does not recommend its use as a pasture grass, seeds are carried away from pasture onto other lands, waterways. Board members agree to support letter. M/S/C

**Action Plan:** Beth spoke with Karen Gentry of Discover Your Forest, noxious weeds are part of the education for kids, and Beth offered the Weed Board's support. Due to COVID, education through Discover Your Forest has not taken place.

Christina located the Noxious Weed game; it is currently at the Ochoco National Forest office, which is in lock down. Office will transition to open in January, requested someone grab and send to Christina.

Matt volunteered to move forward with the Central Oregon Daily segment with Brooke Snavley. Ed and Christina will assist in putting information together for segment; Matt will reach out to Brooke and get this moving for potential spring item.

Matt reached out to Blazing Saddles Bike Shop regarding bike brush units. The owner is very interested in helping, need to connect with him in the new year, as this time of the year is busy. Revisit the boot brush stations; Dan Son is willing to help. He will share information on the stations in place on the Deschutes River.

Discussion of materials currently in education wagon, outdated material. Charlie will take an inventory; Dan can obtain state materials for wagon. Suggestions to add boot and bike brush units to wagon to demonstrate use. Ed reported that he has funds available to restock specific items in wagon. March is a great time to send out the Weed ID brochure to nurseries, include Home Depot and Lowes.

## **New Business**

**Yellow Flag Iris:** Ed reported on the ODA, Deschutes County, Irrigation representatives and Land Trust cooperative meeting that took place on November 16. Discussion included status of awareness for Yellow flag iris, and challenges for treating. Aim is to map locations of weed sites, between Sunriver and La Pine area there are approximately 1800 tax lots along the river to map. Challenges include; obtaining permission from homeowners for treatment, spotted frog and Yellow flag iris areas overlap in some areas, unknown permit requirement for herbicide treatment along river. Potential actions; inventory, floating river and use of drone to map locations. This time next year, have a better plan of action/strategy for Deschutes County to get started on treatment areas and explore if there is a partner interested in continuing to lead a cooperative weed management group with irrigation districts to assist in control of Yellow flag iris. Dan added that there are 28 – 30 potential partners interested in working with this issue and project.

Dan reported that he visited The Greens in Redmond and Eagle Crest golf courses to inspect ponds for Yellow floating heart. Ponds found to be all line and clean at Eagle Crest. There are two private properties adjacent to ponds with Yellow floating heart in irrigation ditch that fills private pond. Charlie and Ed will provide outreach to irrigation district in that area.

### **Round Table:**

**Charlie** – plugging away on working on residual spraying. Doing more of this in the fall to open up schedule for other spraying projects come spring. Finished Forest Service contract, mowing project along Cascade Lake Hwy as well as 54 acres of Landfill property. Seeding projects in the mowed areas to help grasses to grow.

**Beth** – not doing much weed related work currently. Plan for next year; Black Butte swamp, Sisters, Fort Rock, Crescent, currently advertising for seasonal positions. In addition working on contract agreements.

**Matt** – nothing to report

**Sarah** – nothing to report. She was asked to work as the BLM State Botanist between January and April. This position will keep her quite busy, not sure, how this will effect Weed Board attendance/assistance during that time. – Congratulations Sarah ☺

**Toni** – Master Gardeners training starting soon.

**Christina** – approval received to treat Reed canary grass at Big Marsh and Big Marsh Creek.

**Meeting Schedule** Next Meeting December 9, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. – meeting available for virtual or in-person at Deschutes County Road Department 61150 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St., Bend, Or 97702

GotoMeeting link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/195757349>

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