

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
February 10, 2022 Video Meeting
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Christina Veverka Sarah Canham Toni Stephan
Beth Johnson Allen Hammerman

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Ed Keith Kelli Candella Dan Son Charlie Hanna
Todd Peplin Kevin Moriarty Cheryl Howard

Minutes

Minutes for January 13, 2022, M/S/C

New Business

Cheryl Howard updated the board on the *Let's Pull Together* event. Date: May 21, 2022

New location for volunteer celebration; goal of 2,500 volunteers, education and weed pull, two added features; planting native pollinators and trash collection. No T-shirts will be available; rather a multi-use shoulder slung bag will be awarded at each pull location. Requesting Weed Board site selection guidance and site presence. Registration to attend will be through smart phone sign-up link. Cheryl will be launching sponsorship drive as well as advertising in Source Weekly insert. Volunteer sign-up deadline, May 1, 2022.

Forest Service requests an MOU with City of Bend to help support event.

Dan Son presented information on creating a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) for Central Oregon, following the lead of Klamath County. Build programs; find personnel and funding to move forward. Advantage of CWMA, it opens opportunities for additional funding for weed projects, and ability to pool resources. Todd invited Dan to attend/present CWMA concept to Deschutes SWCD Board meeting.

Additional conversations outside meeting with Mike Crumrine and others will continue.

Kevin Moriarty – Natural Resource Manager with Bend Park & Rec – introduction and discussion on Park & Rec vegetation management seasonal activities.

Old Business

Boot Brush – Christina spoke with Joe Wanamaker who is the manager of the State Parks in the region, Joe is interested in possibly placing 1-2 boot brush stations at Pilot Butte and along the Deschutes River. Christina contacted PlayCleanGo group and they are willing to work with Noxious Weed Board for station that fits the group's needs. There is a 4-6 week production/delivery period. PlayCleanGo is willing to invoice at time of shipment.

Matt is currently working on a bicycle brush station, Christina mentioned that working with PlayCleanGo, and they have a brush that can be chained to station and used on bicycle tires. As

previously discussed placement of stations at two State Parks, Peterson Trailhead and Sara mentioned potential site on Lower Deschutes trails, but placement on Federal lands requires NEPA. Kevin stated Park & Rec has one or two potential sites. Bend Park & Rec would need to review design and match current park design. Funding also an issue.

Action Plan: See attached

Discussion on exhibit fee for Invasive Weed wagon at events, NW Ag Show charges \$600 for booth. Charlie will check with Fairgrounds, is that a Fair charge or an event holder fee? Will inquire about a non-profit waiver of fee. Ed mentioned the Fairgrounds charges for a fair booth and it is run by the county. Check into exchange for fees, the Road Department does a lot of work on weeds on Fair property, exchange for space. If no exhibit charge during NW Ag show then trailer will be taken to event, Christina will send out a volunteer sheet for board members to fill in. Home & Garden show charges \$500.

Discussion on what influence Weed Board has on land development. Reach out to Community Development and City of Bend to inquire on any requirement for land developers to provide vegetation management plan for proposed development.

National Invasive Species awareness week – Feb 28 – Mar 4, 2022. Nothing on Oregon State Weed Board regarding Oregon Weed awareness dates. Dan will check on dates. State Weed Board meeting Feb 23 – 24, set to be virtual, Dan will send out information if anyone is interested. Yellow Flag work group will meet on April 5, 2022 at the Deschutes County Road Department main conference room 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Carry over from January Minutes – ACTION ITEM for March meeting: have a spreadsheet list of nurseries for brochure display. Christina will purchase plastic stands for brochure placement at different locations.

Roundtable - nothing to report at this time due to time.

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting March 10, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. In person, Deschutes County Road Department – 61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, Or 97702 – virtual option will be available.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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