

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
November 12, 2020 Video Meeting
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Sarah Canham Julie Craig Autumn Loewen
Elizabeth Johnson Matt Flautt
Allen Hammermann

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Charlie Hanna Jon Valley Kelli Candella

Minutes

Minutes for March 12, 2020, M/S/C

Old Business

New Chair – Christina Veverka Vice- Chair – Elizabeth Johnson

Weed List – no changes made at this time

New Business

Introduction to committee of Charlie Hanna – DCRD Vegetation Management Supervisor. Charlie gave the group a background of his work in the Weed Industry.

Roundtable

- Jon V – Throughout COVID his spray team has continued to work, spraying 5,500 acres for ODOT, County Road Right of Way, BLM lands and other contracts. Russian thistle sprayed yet with rainfall the thistle came back. Finishing Hwy 20 from Riley, and back and the Old McKenzie Hwy.
- Sarah – did not have weed seasonals due to COVID. County agreements established in March 2020 allowed the counties to perform their usual treatments across the District.
- Jeff – fewer seasonal workers, those seasonal workers helped with landscaping crews, not much spraying. Also used contractors this fall for cheat grass, pre-emergent work.
- Elizabeth – late start to season. New Weed Tech started groundwork on treatment. Jefferson County treatment for Yellow star thistle, Scotch thistle, Carrot weed. Invasive species training took place as a Zoom training; discussions included how to deal with invasive. In training for annual grass treatments, just completed surveys for sensitive plant sites, found Medusa sites as survey conducted.
- Matt – Meetings with private landowners in Sisters. Sisters area has 100 acres that being turned into nature preserve, cattle grazing area previously, helping with the weed issues within the acreage, working with Ed on Cost Share for treatment.
- Julie – Jimmy has not been able to use the County Inmate services due to COVID for City of Bend Right-of-Way spraying. There were not a lot of noxious weed complaints, cited State Park & Rec for flammable and noxious weeds. Will be spraying toadflax. City would like more bio-controls for toadflax, possibly knap weed.

- Allen – impromptu Weed Pull in La Pine. Spotted knap weed making a comeback, yellow flag in canal, working with ODFW on possible weed control that will work in conjunction with spotted frog.
- Autumn – New to weed board. Original intent was to get 4H groups involved with feed and ID of weeds. Russian thistle going into BLM land.

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting VIRTUAL set for December 10, 2020, at 3:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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