

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
November 4, 2021 Video Meeting
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Christina Veverka Sarah Canham Toni Stephan Matt Flautt

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Ed Keith Kelli Candella Dan Son

Minutes

Minutes for October 14, 2021, M/S/C

Old Business

Board members: Autumn Loewen let Ed know that she will not be able to attend the remaining meetings, her term is ending 12/31/21, she will not opt to renew.

New Business

Discussion on Outreach activities for 2022. Prepare for December weed meeting to discuss plan of action for outreach programs. Christina shared that funds through a grant from State Weed Board for conservation education is available, deadline to apply is 12/15/21.

Sarah asked about status on items that were to be purchased for the Invasive Species wagon, were those ordered. Items were more than likely placed on hold due to the pandemic. Jeff A presented information on items during the November 2019 meeting; per meeting minutes the following were being considered, but placed on hold until grant outcomes were known.

- Grocery bag
- Your responsibility magnets
- Stickers
- Boot brush kits
- Weeding tool

Board would like to go ahead and order items, Ed will contact Jeff, Christina will reach out to Julie Craig, she had stated that City of Bend would be willing to order stickers during November 2019 meeting.

Discussion on boot brush kits and potential placement of kits and signage at trailheads. Web link for ordering: <https://naisma.org/product/standard-boot-brush-station/>

Potential locations:

- Pilot Butte
- Deschutes National Forest trailheads
- Shevlin Park
- Deschutes River trailheads
- Smith Rock

Discussion on brush sites placement on bike trails. Consider collaborating with bike shops, potential sponsorship, logo placed on signage.

Dan Son has done extensive research on boot brush stations, has done test plot areas.

Toni inquired about intern, Maddi, items she completed for education. Christina has items Maddi designed, will make copies to share with the board members. Banner completed and available for invasive species outreach events. Outdoor outreach events that would be ideal for the noxious weed game, once allowed in school outreach education will be introduced.

Review of noxious weed list, Sarah suggested some spelling corrections. Dan has not reviewed Deschutes County list, nothing new from ODA. Board suggested ODA consider adding Reed Canary Grass. Deschutes County currently has it listed as a “C” rated weed, if is added to state list, Deschutes County will move it to a “B” rated weed, therefore it would have a higher priority and County level resources are allowed. Mike Crumrine gathering information to request State to add to list. Christina noted that the list should denote houndstounge presence in Deschutes County. Matt brought up sightings of Houndstongue (*Cynolglossum officinale*) in Black Butte. Matt will follow up with Beth Johnson on additional locations in the area. Ed brought up moving both Russian thistle and kochia to the C list, these are both widespread and don’t warrant a B listing that they currently have. There is also a question concerning Sweet Clover on “C” rated for Right of Ways only, why. More discussion next month.

Deschutes County and ODA are convening a work group to discuss Yellow Flag Iris; concerns, invaded areas, treatment plan.

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting December 9, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

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