

## **Weed Board Meeting Minutes – March 11th, 2019 - Goldendale Fire Department**

Present – Craig Schuster, Vic Blandine, Dan Andrews, Dave Wasgatt, Marty Hudson

Meeting called to order by Dave Wasgatt at 2:00PM

**Introduction** – Elizabeth Taylor, Office Manager was introduced

**Minutes** reviewed – Vic moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Dan – motion carried

**Finances** reviewed – discussion clarifying if budget year is calendar or fiscal, confirmed calendar. Vic moved to approve finances as presented, seconded by Craig – motion carried

### **DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

- District #1 – Dave Wasgatt – nothing to report
- District #2 – Vic Blandine – Snow, nothing to report
- District #3 – Craig Schuster – nothing to report
- District #4 – Don Slater – absent
- District #5 – Dan Andrews – nothing to report

### **ACTIVITY REPORT:**

**Staff Update** – Elizabeth Taylor, Office Manager started 2/4/19. Marty Hudson sprayed radio tower locations before the snow paused operations. Tom Snell start date has been delayed due to snow. The Road Sprayer is currently being used with road plow in White Salmon. Hope to start in 7-14 days, as soon as weather permits.

**Intern program** – To begin in June, we hope to participate again this year.

**County Building** – New Annex building in design phase, tentatively scheduled to break ground in 2020, Weed Control will continue to share office space/support staff with WSU Extension.

### **RCW 17.10 WA State Weed Conference Name Change to WASHINGTON VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION – WAVMA**

**Public Hearing** – hearing opened at 2:30 pm

Presentation of 2019 Noxious Weed List, changes are primarily scientific name changes. The “Tree of Heaven” has been added as a weed of local concern, it hosts the Spotted Lantern Fly which attacks grapes and fruit crops. Tree of Heaven has been found along the railroad, Rock Creek and the aluminum plant.

Motion made to accept, seconded, motion carried.

Public hearing closed 2:35 p.m.

### **PROJECTS:**

- COE – Deobligated funds from past task orders
- BPA – Final year on the current funding, will pursue future control funding
- City of Goldendale – Knapweed - contact has been initiated, will follow up with code enforcement, have identified parcels of concern.

- County Roads – Sprayer is 15 years old, multipurpose use with snow removal in White Salmon, hope to update, replacement cost approximately \$30,000.
- WDFW will treat some rush Skeletonweed in High Prairie early spring with fall follow up,
- USFS – Year end meeting at Ft. Vancouver 11/28. Just did end of year report and billing.
- State Parks, DNR, USFS, GP – Same
- Columbia River Gorge NSA – Botanist Sarah Callaghan, formerly of Skamania County
- Yakama Fisheries – Lyle Falls \$1500 weed control
- Friends of the Columbia River Gorge – Cherry Orchard trail, spraying Jan 2, started control for Medusa Head, will continue treatment.

### **OTHER**

- Budgeted to purchase pickup and UTV. In researching new pickups versus used, the used vehicle prices are not significantly below new vehicles, used vehicles have high mileage. Discussion followed with the recommendation to purchase new and amend the budget to purchase both vehicles.
- 2019 Weed Board Meeting schedule  
May 13  
Aug 12  
Nov 18

Meeting Adjourned at 3:02

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Taylor