
Weed Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2020
Goldendale Fire Station – Meeting Room
225 W Court St, Goldendale, WA 98620

Called to order by Craig Schuster – Chairman at 2:03PM

Present – Aric Lemmon, Vic Blandine, Craig Schuster, Don Slater, Dan Andrews, Marty Hudson, Elizabeth Taylor

Minutes – December 9, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Finances – November, December and January financial statements were reviewed and approved.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

- District #1 – Aric Lemmon – Spring will be busy with planting, fall presents problems with frost heaves.
- District #2 – Vic Blandine – Stepping down as director, this is his final meeting. CKCD plants did not come in, sale rescheduled to April 18th
- District #3 – Craig Schuster – nothing to report
- District #4 – Don Slater – Medusa Head is everywhere
- District #5 – Dan Andrews – Medusa Head and Puncturevine. Italian Rye grass in CRP is choking out other grasses. Basin Rye Grass is preferred by conservation district, Italian is bad wherever there is water. Benton County allowing controlled burning, concern will spread to stubble as direct seeding leaves fuels on the ground. Discussion Maryhill inquiring about burning blackberry, currently too dry.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Staff Update –

Dan Andrews accepted reappointment to District #5 for a term that expires April 1, 2024, have a vacancy for District #2. Marty will announce vacancy during upcoming conservation meetings in hopes of recruiting a candidate.

Weed office will be relocating to Klickitat County Fairgrounds in preparation for construction of the County Services Building.

UTV Honda Pioneer 700 purchase is in process. This purchase will allow efficient application to BPA lines and other properties. Marty will inspect the trailer and perform maintenance before spray season is underway, surplus sprayers, ATV and 2000 Dodge will be sold.

Legislative Review RCW17.10 – Ongoing discussion between DNR, WSDOT, WSAC regarding ROW buffer, 200ft – 20ft, appears to be settling on a 50ft buffer zone. They are still working on WSDOT assessment, parcel/per acre, forestry @ 1/10. Formula allows changing assessment after clear-cut for 5 years. In addition, discussion on change of appointments, process if county does not authorize board and possibly changing the required number of “actively participating” in agriculture.

Weather appears to allow us to start residual roadside spraying soon; Tom Snell scheduled to begin 3/2/2020

Projects-

BPA missed the deadline for extension, they will be submitting a new contract. UTV will be useful for the access roads, which tend to be rough on the pickup.

1-15-2020 CRMP meeting at Camp Draper did not present any earth shattering news with USFS or DNR

Wilbur-Ellis presented in Yakima, February 6. Esplanade for grass control not currently approved for rangeland, Imazapic-Imazamax only last about one season, this should last about 3 years

Marty to present at Central Klickitat Conservation District, Eastern Klickitat Conservation District and Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshops in February and attend the WA State Weed Coordinator's Association conference in Chelan on March 11 and 12th.

Public Hearing – 2020 Noxious Weed List

A public hearing was opened at 2:30pm to solicit comments regarding the proposed changes to the 2020 Klickitat County Noxious Weed List. There were no citizens in attendance to offer comments.

There was discussion regarding the addition of South American Sponge Plant, Class A-very limited distribution and Class B Designate, when a weed is too wide spread the designation drops.

Don Slater motioned to adopt the 2020 Klickitat County Noxious Weed List, Dan Andrews seconded, motion passed.

Public meeting was closed at 2:40pm

Other

February 27, Invasive Species Exotic Pest (ISEP) @ Stevenson, 8 am-430 pm offers seven certification credits, one certification available at each conservation district meeting.

The March Underwood Conservation District annual plant sale is scheduled for March 21 during the TreeFest.

Tentatively scheduled UofW Rare Care presentation at White Salmon library March 21 and USFS Spring Invasives on March 25.

Next meetings scheduled for April 13, 2020

Vic Blandine moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Aric Lemmon, Meeting adjourned 3:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Taylor