

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

**Jerry Lunsford
Harmon Horton
Bruce Gochnour
Tom Yankey
Brice Mosekian
Calvin Hickey**

**Lyndon Haines-Wash. Co. Commissioner
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Sarah Funk-Idaho Power**

Attendees via Zoom: N/A

Guests this evening:

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Bruce Gochnour, Invocation by Lyndon Haines. Absent-Royce Schwenkfelder, Tom Sutton, Isaac Ward, and Lonnie Huter.

Re-Organize Board, Elect Chair/Appoint Recording Secretary-Motion by Harmon Horton for Jerry Lunsford to continue as chair, casting a unanimous ballot second by Bruce Gochnour. Motion carries, congratulations and thank you Chairman Lunsford. Jerry appointed Bonnie Davis as the recording secretary.

Introductions: N/A

In the Matter of the Minutes- Motion by Harmon Horton, second by Bruce Gochnour to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting as written. Motion carries.

In the Matter of Claims: N/A

Correspondence-Bonnie shared Celia Gould has retired as Director of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. Chanel Tewalt was named the director. She has she has been serving as Deputy Director and has been with the department approximately 15 years. There was discussion of some deficiencies at the ISDA and they are experiencing staffing shortages like everyone else.

General Business

February Recertification Seminar-There are no updates.

Poster Contest-Tom stated he would like to begin distributing materials to the schools in the near future. The Weed Department will get them ready.

Tax Assessment Inserts-The board would like to continue with the full page, 2-sided information page to be sent with the tax assessments in May. Bonnie will check with Stephanie at Idaho Custom Design, downtown Weiser. They are set up for printing now. Please be thinking which weeds you would like to feature (both noxious and non-noxious species).

Weed Tour Presentations-Bonnie stated she was able to confirm Incahoots Catering for the tour lunch. We need to determine the tour sites and presenters so that we can begin planning before the field season gets too busy. Tom Yankey shared a possibility of an activity we could do after lunch at the Exhibit Hall. This is a game called Pest Friends which is a true to life game which is a farm simulation board game used as a teaching tool. Tom's daughter Stephanie shared this with him, and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture awarded two pesticide applicator credits at the Idaho Potato Conference in Boise. Tom asked that Bonnie reach out to Grant Loomis, Blaine County Extension Educator helped create this game. Bonnie was wondering if Royce's work with Corteva is going to be ready for viewing, we will check with Royce on this matter. Please be thinking of a neighborhood project you might like to feature on tour day. We will continue this discussion at our February meeting.

Teacher Workshop-Royce contacted Gretchen Hyde, Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission for recommendations for assistance with this. She suggested Michelle Lindquist, Project Learning Tree. It was noted that Michelle taught one of the early workshops many years ago. Project Learning Tree statement reads "is committed to advancing environmental education, forest literacy, and green career

pathways, using trees and forests as windows on the world". Jerry will contact Michelle. Bonnie sent the email to teachers this afternoon to see how many are interested in attending. She gave them a date of February 2, 2023, to respond.

New Business

Spring Newsletter-April seems to work best to mail. Sarah noted she will be out of the office March 18-24th, for those who aren't aware she does the final edits on the newsletter before it goes to print. To date: Commissioners Corner-Commissioner Haines, Recertification Seminar-Calvin Hickey, Weed Conference-Harmon Horton. Please be thinking of articles to feature in our spring newsletter.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities-

Pesticide Applicator Seminar-Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Exhibit Hall, Cambridge from 6-9:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Lunsford adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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