

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

Larry Anderson

Tom Yankey

Isaac Ward

Bruce Gochnour

Harmon Horton

Royce Schwenkfelder

Sarah Funk-Idaho Power

Lonnie Huter-BLM

Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed

Andy Bumgarner-USFS

Lisa Collini-Wash. County Commissioner

Mary Ridout-University of Idaho Extension

Guests this evening: -George & Kelly Hansen, Betty Ward, Jackie Yankey-private landowners

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Yankey, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Calvin Hickey, Jerry Lunsford, Aaron Switalski and Commissioner Chandler are absent this evening. Chairman Horton thanked the board for electing him once again as chair, he appreciates their support.

Introductions: *The Hansen's are local landowners.*

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion by Bruce Gochnour to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting as written. Second by Tom Yankey motion carries.

In the matter of claims: *N/A*

In the matter of Correspondence: Lonnie Huter shared a bit of his experience while serving on the ISDA Cost Share Review Committee. He shared in his opinion the LWRCWMA is one of the top three or four CWMA's in the state. He spoke of the activities that occur and the money spent and noted the review process was very interesting. The Review Committee is tasked with reading 30 Cost Share applications, the requests totaled \$1.3 million for all projects and applications vary from \$7,000 to \$310,000. Lonnie stated he has the opportunity to work with southwest Idaho CWMA's so he understands the intent of this program. He made reference numerous times to the amount of participation that we have in our CWMA and that we seem to be the only one that has a weaning process (this makes reference to our Phase program). He found the entire process interesting and noted how well our application was put together while others may fail to follow directions. Bonnie stated when the review committee phoned her they really did not have any questions so Lonnie suggested that she elaborate on a couple of their projects.

General Business

Cooperator Dinner-Board consensus was it went well and was very well attended. Commissioner Collini thought it went very well and she enjoyed it. Tom Yankey suggested that we do the poster contest winners (and other youth) door prize drawing earlier in the evening before dinner. This would allow the younger youth to get home at an earlier hour. Bonnie thanked the board for all their help and support.

Recertification Seminar-Bonnie reported in Calvin's absence the date is Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 6-9:15 and ISDA awarded 3-credit hours for the class. There were some conflicts with presenters so the agenda has changed. Lonnie Huter-BLM will present on Common Crupina and Yellow Starthistle aerial treatments being done and their new invader status in Washington County. Vic Mason, ISDA will talk about when the inspector comes calling and Brent Bozeman, Ag Supply will present on spray equipment.

Summer Weed Tour-Bonnie reported she has contacted Sean Cluff, Grubbin' BBQ and he is available and booked to cater the tour. After discussion the following topics are being considered for the tour: Joey Milan-Biological Control, winter annuals/grasses (including ventenata) and targeted grazing no speaker at this time Royce is checking on this. A test plot visit (if test plots come to fruition). We will continue with this at the March meeting. Destination was inquired about-will more than likely be in the northern area of the county. We will visit a CWMA neighborhood project as we have done in years past.

Weed Awareness/Spring Tax Assessment Insert-Weeds suggested for the spring insert are: Mediterranean sage, Russian knapweed and musk thistle. Motion by Larry Anderson the above listed weeds be featured on the spring tax assessment insert. Second by Tom Yankey motion carries.
Newsletter-Articles will be due by March 20th and we will fold at our April board meeting.

New Business

N/A

Announcements & Upcoming Activities

Recertification Seminar-Thursday, February 20, 2020 6-9:15 p.m.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Anderson second by Bruce Gochnour. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.