

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

**Jerry Lunsford
Isaac Ward
Bruce Gochnour
Tom Yankey
Brice Mosekian
Calvin Hickey
Royce Schwenkfelder**

**Lyndon Haines-Wash. Co. Commissioner
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Aaron Switalski-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game**

Attendees via Zoom: N/A

Guests this evening: Tyler O'Donnell-Washington County Extension Educator, Betty Ward-Private landowner.

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Calvin Hickey, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Absent- Tom Sutton, Sarah Funk, and Lonnie Huter.

Introductions: N/A

In the Matter of the Minutes- Correction to minutes: minutes approved at January meeting were for December 13, 2022 not January 17, 2023 as presented. Motion by Bruce Gochnour, second by Tom Yankey to accept the minutes as corrected of the January 17, 2023. Motion carries.

In the Matter of Claims: N/A

Correspondence-The Teacher Workshop has been canceled due to lack of interest from the teachers. Royce shared some concerns with scheduling conflicts with other activities at the same time suggesting we possibly review some other calendars in the future to prevent conflicts.

Special Guest Tyler O'Donnell, Washington County Extension Educator-Tyler shared he is from western Colorado growing up on ranches and participated in 4-H and FFA. He is a recent graduate where he received his bachelor's degree in Animal Science with emphasis on livestock. He had not seen the email about helping with the Pest with Friends board game at the tour. He is willing to become a moderator. He asked the board what they would like him to focus upon. Tyler plans to start the Master Gardener program in 2024. Bonnie stated those individuals are so much help to the public especially with lawn, ornamental, orchard problems and other issues. He is happy to help us with whatever he can and grateful to be in Washington County.

General Business

February Recertification Seminar-attendance is looking good for this event. Calvin reported he will not be able to attend. Brice volunteered to write this story for the newsletter. Bonnie reminded everyone to bring their license with them as they are no longer doing credit stickers. All licenses will be scanned.

The board had a brief discussion about the direction the ISDA has gone the last few years. Commissioner Haines stated we have 2 representatives on the House Ag Committee we could possibly speak with them about some of our concerns. Discussion of meeting with the new ISDA Director, Chanel Tewalt and possibly meeting with her after the legislature has adjourned for the year.

Poster Contest-Tom stated he delivered the Weiser materials last week. Bonnie shared Park School called and needed another set for an additional class. Weed Department staff delivered the materials to Midvale and Cambridge schools.

Royce shared the Weiser River Cattleman's is hosting an event on February 28th at the Exhibit Hall. Dr. Bryan Stegelmeier, Research Veterinary Medical Officer with USDA Agricultural Research Service, Logan Utah is scheduled to speak. He is speaking on toxic plants your livestock may be getting exposed to. The event begins at 6:30 and is potluck so please bring a dish to share.

Tax Assessment Inserts- Board members selected the following plants to be featured in the spring insert that is mailed with the tax assessments.

Noxious

Yellow Flag Iris
Canada Thistle
Diffuse Knapweed
Puncturevine
Scotch Thistle
Spotted Knapweed

Non-Noxious

Bull Thistle
Catchweed Bedstraw
Myrtle Spurge
Storks Bill
Teasel
Venice Mallow

Bonnie will have a draft for review at the March meeting for the board.

Weed Tour-Bonnie has communicated with Grant Loomis one of the creators of the board game Pest Friends that was discussed at our last meeting. He has reserved a copy for us and they will be available at the end of March. As was discussed earlier Tyler can trail to be a moderator for this activity. Grant shared with Bonnie it works best with a group of 20 or less, they are currently working on a noxious weed module. He included a YouTube video for those who wish to view it after tonight's meeting. The board selected the following topics for the 2023 tour: Rush Skeletonweed-Mark Schwarzlaender, Woodhead Fire After Affects-Aaron Switalski, Toxic Plants-Bryan Stegelmeier, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Test Plots (possibility-Royce will check on this), Aquatic Plants in Ditch's/Canals-Mike Stafford. We are still looking for another possibility as a backup.

Spring Newsletter-Recertification Seminar-Brice, Tyler will write an article about Extension, Commissioner Haines-Commissioner's Corner and any other articles you would like to see featured. Deadline for articles is March 23, 2023.

New Business

2023 Draft Project Schedule-is not complete. Next meeting.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities-

****Recertification Seminar: Thursday, February 16th 6-9:15 at Exhibit Hall.**

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

Chairman Lunsford adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.