

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

Those attending:

Jerry Lunsford
Calvin Hickey
Bruce Gochnour
Tom Yankey (via Zoom)
Brice Mosekian

Lonnie Huter-BLM
Lyndon Haines-Wash. Co. Commissioner
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Aaron Switalski-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game
Ali Bufton-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game
Andy Bumgarner-USFS
Sarah Funk-Idaho Power (via Zoom)

Attendees via Zoom: Tom Yankey and Sarah Funk.

Guests this evening: Rob Bennett, BLM

Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Brice Mosekian, Invocation by Bruce Gochnour. Absent and excused Harmon Horton, Royce Schwenkfelder, Isaac Ward. Absent-Tom Sutton.

Introductions: Ali Bufton was introduced as Aaron's new tech at the Andrus. Welcome Ali.

In the Matter of the Minutes- Correction's to minutes of February 14, 2023. Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Bruce Gochnour, second by Brice Mosekian. Motion carries.

In the Matter of Claims: N/A

Correspondence-N/A

General Business

BLM Update- Lonnie shared with the board he has accepted a new position as the NEPA coordinator with BLM and started yesterday. He will no longer be in weeds but will continue to help on the crupina project. Rob has been involved with us in years past on neighborhood projects and has done a great deal of work in Washington County he has attended our meetings in the past. Rob assured the board they are trying to fill Lonnie's position, but it will more than likely take a year to do so. In the meantime, he and the staff will try to pick up the slack. Jim Shuster will continue to contract with the BLM and will continue to be on projects with us. Rob stated This is a good move for Lonnie, and he will still be there to help with things when he can. The reported aerial treatment is planned for the crupina areas that burned late spring/early summer. Bonnie shared how helpful Lonnie has been in doing assistance agreements and how he has walked them through the new grants.gov application process. Lonnie stated he will still present at the 2024 Cooperator's Appreciation Banquet. The board thanked Lonnie for all he has done and wished him luck in his new position.

February Recertification Seminar- 60 attended not including the weed department staff. 3-ISDA pesticide applicator credits were given. It was noted that Sherm Takatori did not cover the gopher testing criteria as was requested. Thank you go all who helped clean and pack up. Those attending are very appreciative of the board for providing this educational event for our applicators.

Tax Assessment Inserts-

Poster Contest- Tom stated there are no updates. The contest ends Friday, April 21st by 3:30 p.m. Posters will be judged Wednesday, April 26, 2023.0

Weed Tour- Discussion of tour. Bonnie has reached out to Dr. Bryan Stegelmeier, from Utah to speak. He has not responded yet. We will continue tour planning at our April meeting.

Spring Newsletter- Reminder to those who volunteered to write articles. They are due Friday, March 23, 2023.

Tax Assessment Inserts- Draft copies of the spring insert were shared. Lonnie pointed out a correction needing made. Motion by Bruce Gochnour to send to print after correction, second by Calvin Hickey, motion carries.

New Business

2023 Draft Project Schedule-copies were provided to all in attendance.

Cooperator Appreciation Dinner-Various dates for this event were discussed. The Idaho Noxious Weed Conference will be held January 10-11, 2024. The board reviewed past dates it has been held. The board felt Bonnie should do what works best with the weed department schedule. She will contact the Chamber of Commerce and see what is available. An update will be given at the May meeting.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities-

***Posters Due: Friday, April 21st by 3:30 at Weed Dept.**

***Poster Judging: 12:00 pm, Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at Weed Dept.**

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Lunsford adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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