

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

**Larry Anderson
Isaac Ward
Calvin Hickey
Tom Yankey
Bruce Gochnour
Jerry Lunsford**

**Lonnie Huter-BLM
Kirk Chandler-Wash. Co. Commissioner
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Lonnie Smith-Wash. County Weed
Andy Bumgarner-USFS
Zac Huling-Idaho Fish & Game**

Guests this evening: N/A

Bonnie announced that Chairman Horton is unable to be here this evening. Motion by Bruce Gochnour that Calvin Hickey serve as chairman this evening. Second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.

Chairman Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Yankey, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Harmon Horton, Royce Schwenkfelder, Tom Sutton and Sarah Funk are absent this evening.

Introductions: N/A

In the Matter of the Minutes: Isaac Ward stated we cannot consider the minutes from April 9, 2019 as they are from the March meeting. Numerous corrections need to be made. The board asked that Bonnie review the minutes for consideration at the June meeting.

In the matter of claims: N/A

In the matter of Correspondence: Calvin Hickey shared an article from the Capital Press that addresses herbicide resistant weeds. Copies were provided for the group.

General Business

Teacher Workshop Update-Jerry reported everything is on track for the workshop. Bonnie asked for some details so that she can pass them on to those attending. Jerry will get in touch with Gretchen. There are 20 total signed up to date with five vacancies remaining.

Weed Tour Update-Bonnie gave an update on having an extension educator speak. Possibly look at this idea for next year. She asked about requesting Mike Stafford to speak as he always attends and is very supportive of our activities. The board directed Bonnie to see if Mike is available. She will follow up and then make application for credits.

New Business

2020 Cooperator Dinner-Bonnie reminded the group that this is the winter to host our cooperator appreciation dinner. The board selected January 30, 2020 for the event. Bruce Gochnour suggested asking Brett Lolley, maybe he could do a scaled down version of the presentation he gave at the recertification class. The board felt this would be a good idea and asked Bonnie to make that contact. We would allow him 30 minutes.

Reports-

Common Crupina-Lonnie Huter, BLM reported if the weather is good they will aerial spray 1400 acres sometime next week. He is still finding little spots each time he scouts. The 2018 treatment that was done looks really good and to date he has only found one skip. The yellow starthistle aerial treatment in the Paddock area is planned for June. Bonnie asked about weather delays and the contractor's schedule. Lonnie explained the contractor is under contract to do these jobs so is obligated to do it regardless of his schedule and weather delays.

Project Reports-

CW-Lonnie Smith reported this was his first project in many years and he felt it went well. Participation was good and for the most part the weather cooperated. The wind did not cause a problem until mid-afternoon. A lot was accomplished. The plethora of white top this year was briefly discussed.

Weed Crusaders-Bonnie reported the project went well however some cooperators that committed were unable to attend. Many of the participants commented how much better the weed situation was this year after the 2018 treatment.

Advent Gulch (South End-Hwy 71)-Weather cooperated and the people were enthusiastic about spraying including one who purchased property last year and are thankful to be a part of this group. Another large landowner (out of state) fails to provide manpower however Jerry Lunsford did some treatment on the property once again on project day. The people that lease the property for grazing sent someone to spray one load.

Mann Creek Valley-Bonnie reported participation was good and they got a lot done on spray day. Landowners are seeing the difference but several commented on the recent moisture and how it has helped the weeds to thrive. High water prevented some cooperators from crossing the creek to access other weed sites, they look forward to returning in the fall.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities:

- **Poster Contest ends 5/24/19-all posters due at the weed office by 3.30 p.m.
- **Poster Judging 5/29/19 at noon at the weed dept. lunch will be provided.
- **Teacher Workshop-Wednesday, June 12th
- **Annual Weed Tour-Thursday, June 13th

Next meeting is Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Gochnour, second by Tom Yankey. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.