

WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Those attending:

Larry Anderson
Tom Yankey
Isaac Ward
Jerry Lunsford
Harmon Horton

Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Andy Bumgarner-USFS
Mary Ridout-University of Idaho Extension

Guests this evening: *Betty Ward-private landowner*

Chairman Horton called the meeting to ~~order~~ at 7:08 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Yankey, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Bruce Gochnour, Calvin Hickey, Tom Sutton, Royce Schwenkfelder, Commissioner Chandler, Lonnie Huter and Sarah Funk are absent this evening.

Introductions:

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion by Jerry Lunsford to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2020 meeting as written. Second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.

In the matter of claims: Bonnie presented the following project invoices for projects to date. She added these project invoices are all privately paid by the landowner/manager not by grant funds. The following are project totals: Advent Gulch South-768.65, C W Project-507.95, Salubria-586.43, Middle Valley Waterways-2,044.97. Approximately 5,654.5 gallons of mixed herbicide was applied in those 4 days. Motion by Tom Yankey to accept the claims as presented, second by Jerry Lunsford. Motion carries.

In the matter of Correspondence: Bonnie shared an email from Kalyn Hochstrat, Cambridge 4th grade teacher inquired if we had been able to judge the posters yet. She has a couple students inquiring if they made it into the top 12. Bonnie has responded that our board has not been able to meet since March and this will be on our agenda for discussion at the June meeting.

General Business

Cost Share Award-Bonnie shared some updates from ISDA regarding the 2020 Cost Share Award. She stated she received the agreement and presented it to commissioners for signature and immediately sent it back to ISDA. Our agreement, projects etc. cannot start until the director has signed the agreement. The commissioners signed on 4/27 and it was immediately returned to ISDA. The director signed the agreement on 5/5/2020. Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District did not receive the check for CWMA's until 6/4/2020. Additional requirements that were not included in the original grant requirements were presented with the grant award letter. Bonnie questions the value of the grant dollars received vs. the regulations attached to it. The board was very understanding and can see ISDA is making the process more difficult every year. More discussion will follow at a later date.

Summer Weed Tour-Bonnie explained speakers were very understanding about the cancellation due to Covid-19. The caterer was wonderful and would like to be considered again for next year's tour. The Idaho Rangeland Resource Commission is doing some virtual workshops that she has sent to the teachers to help them obtain their continuing education credits.

Poster Judging-the board will judge posters June 25, 2020 at noon at the weed department. Lunch will be served.

Newsletter-Articles will be due by July 17th, we will fold at our August board meeting. Updating stories that were previously submitted was discussed as well as current suggestions.

2020 Neighborhood Project Schedule-copies of the updated schedule were provided to the board.

New Business

Applicator Recertification Credits-Inquiries from applicators wondering about recertification credit opportunities were discussed. Mary Ridout, Washington County Extension Educator has volunteered to host some seminars that would provide credits for those needing to renew their license. She will

keep the board updated regarding this matter. The board thanked Mary for doing this as it is a very busy time of year for the weed department.

Project Reports-

Advent Gulch-Jerry Lunsford reported it was a good weather day and the turnout was very good. This day focused on the south end of the gulch boundary along Highway 71. One of the major landowners was present for the spray day so that was good.

C W Project-Bonnie reported it was well attended with a couple new landowners participating. She noted the project coordinator was not present due to a medical issue but the project was well coordinated. The white top was for the most part done but thistles were plentiful.

Salubria-Bonnie reported the project was well attended with a good weather day. The BLM participated on the south end of the project area.

Middle Valley Waterways-Harmon reported the project was well attended and the amount of weeds that were treated was impressive, however we had NO DONUTS! City of Weiser had a power failure and the weed staff was able to make coffee with their generator however no donuts from Ridley's. These people stayed with it most of the day. The weeds were taller so more herbicide was used. It was a success!

Lower Pine-was cancelled due to weather. The area had a large rain event prior to project day then wind the morning of. They will be ready for the fall day. No reschedules were done for the spring projects due to timing. Dutch Flat did not hold their spring day either but will resume in the fall.

2020 Neighborhood Project Schedule-Bonnie presented copies of the project schedule. A couple adjustments were made and she will update and have final copies ready at the April meeting.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities

Celebration of Life for Ida Widener-Saturday, June 13, 2020. 3:00 p.m. at the Shirts Ranch.
Reception will follow.

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Anderson second by Tom Yankey. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.