

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

**Larry Anderson
Bruce Gochnour
Calvin Hickey
Tom Sutton
Jerry Lunsford
Harmon Horton
Tom Yankey**

**Sarah Funk-Idaho Power
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Aaron Switalski-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game
Jasen King-Idaho Dept. Lands
Lisa Collini-Wash. Co. Commissioner**

Guests this evening: N/A

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Larry Anderson, Invocation by Jerry Lunsford. Royce Schwenkfelder, Isaac Ward and Lonnie Huter are absent this evening.

Introductions: N/A

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion by Tom Sutton to accept the minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting as written. Second by Larry Anderson. Motion carries.

In the matter of claims: Board mileage claims were reviewed by board members. 2019 fiscal year mileage claims totaled \$2,967.96. Bonnie will submit them for payment in the next county claims cycle. Note this mileage is paid from the Weed Department budget.

In the matter of Correspondence: Bonnie reported she attended the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District board meeting at Montour September 3rd. When West Central Highlands RC&D closed and we wanted an outside agency to administer the ISDA Cost Share funding Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District agreed to administer our funds. The only condition was that Bonnie attend at least one of their meetings annually and report to their board. She reported last year's accomplishments and updated them on this year's first quarter report including the helicopter treatment for yellow starthistle and common crupina. Bonnie requested the SQSCD continue to administer our ISDA Cost Share funding for 2020. They were very appreciative that she followed up and thanked her for coming.

General Business

Cooperator Dinner-Bonnie stated Calvin solicited quotes for the upcoming dinner from Judy's and the Golf Course. He took identical menus to both establishments so they would bid the same menu. Judy's cost \$19.50 per plate and the Rolling Hills Golf Course is \$28.50. Motion by Jerry Lunsford to have Judy's cater the dinner, second by Bruce Gochnour motion carries. Calvin asked that Bonnie contact both parties with the board's decision. She will send a letter to Sondra Eaton at Rolling Hills Golf Course and call Judy to let her know. The board thanked Calvin (and Francene) for their efforts. Bonnie stated that Brett Lolley has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker and the Vendome is reserved.

New Business

Weed Insert Tax Bill-Bonnie shared the Rodent District request to share our tax assessment insert in an effort to educate the landowners of their responsibility to control rodents. She talked to the district board today and explained her concern with giving them one side of the weed insert and that we cannot get our message out effectively. She stated that gopher needs to pay their own way and that the rodent district is not county wide so those mailers would have to be sorted and this would be difficult to do. The gopher board and Commissioner Chandler agreed that would be cumbersome.

On Site Review Findings-Harmon reported those participating were Harmon, Jerry Lunsford, Tom Yankey and Bonnie. They visited Mann Creek Valley, Cow Creek and Middle Valley Weedbeaters. Zane Davis, Mann Creek Valley was unable to meet with us but Marshall Davis was present and answered the board's questions. Cow Creek is in its first year and John Bilbao, coordinator met with

board members. He was very pleased with the way the project went and they are already gearing up for the fall spray day. Middle Valley Weed Beaters was the final project visited and were chosen due to the struggle they have had with getting cooperators to participate. Mariah Baladez is in her second year of coordinating this group and spent time expressing her challenges. It was noted the spring project day did have a better turn out than past years. She will continue to encourage landowners to participate. She thanked the board for all their efforts.

Calendar Update-Bonnie had copies of the final draft of the 2020 calendar for the board to look over now that it has come back from the publisher. The decision was made on this matter at the August meeting.

New Business

2020 Poster Contest Theme-Jerry Lunsford recommended “Weeds from Homeland to Idaho” be the 2020 poster contest theme. Motion by Tom Yankey to accept Jerry’s recommendation, second by Tom Sutton. Motion carries.

Neighborhood Project Signs-Bonnie is requesting the board inspect the signs to see if any are needing replaced or new ones need erected. She explained these types of things need to be planned now in order to use these items for in-kind they must be included in our Annual Operating Plan. Anything not included in the AOP cannot be used as match. Numerous board members commented they feel they are in good shape but they will discuss this further at the October meeting. Bonnie was directed to put this matter on the agenda.

Weed Board Appointments-Those up for reappointment at the end of the year are: Calvin Hickey, Harmon Horton, Jerry Lunsford, Isaac Ward and Tom Yankey. Chairman Horton encouraged all to sign and he was the first to sign the reappointment request. All board members signed with the exception of Isaac Ward who is absent this evening due to his recent knee surgery. The board is keeping Isaac in their prayers.

Reports-

Announcements & Upcoming Activities:

**Bonnie reminded the board we will be discussing/selecting the 2020 Poster Contest theme at our next meeting.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Harmon thanked everyone for coming.

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