

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

**Larry Anderson
Tom Yankey
Calvin Hickey
Isaac Ward
Jerry Lunsford
Harmon Horton**

**Sarah Funk-Idaho Power
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Aaron Switalski-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game
Lonnie Huter-BLM**

Guests this evening: Betty Ward-private landowner

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Calvin Hickey, Invocation by Tom Yankey. Royce Schwenkfelder, Bruce Gochmour, Tom Sutton and Jasen King are absent this evening. Commissioner Chandler excused himself attend another meeting but will return.

Introductions: N/A

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion by Tom Yankey to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as written. Second by Jerry Lunsford. Motion carries.

In the matter of claims: Bonnie stated she will have the claims prepared for the next meeting.

In the matter of Correspondence: Bonnie read a message from Ida Widener to the board and Isaac thanked the board for the get well card.

General Business

Cooperator Dinner-Bonnie reported she met with Mayor Thomas who signed off on the fees for the use of the Vendome. This is a huge cost savings. Our thanks to Mayor Thomas. Brief discussion of who the board may honor at the dinner.

Calendar Update-Bonnie reported the calendar has been finalized and sent to IDEA for their mock up. Cost for 2020 is \$2.51 each.

Neighborhood Project Signs-Jerry reported he did stop and inspect the sign on the south end of Midvale by the restaurant. It is tilted and does need leveled up and the same with the one on Highway 71. Board members discussed various ways to straighten them up. Discussed future bracing to ensure this does not happen again. The sign located south of Weiser is much too small and difficult to read. The one located north of the frost heaves (just north of the old Hoover Road) is too far off the road. The board discussed relocating this sign to a different site in the same area. Possibly relocating near the Monroe Creek area. The sign at McKee's north of Cambridge is in good condition.

New Business

November/December Newsletter-Discussion of content for the upcoming newsletter. The board asked Aaron Switalski, newsletter editor if he would be receptive to skipping this issue and doing a spring newsletter as scheduled. He stated he serves at the will of the board. Motion by Calvin Hickey to not do a December newsletter, second by Jerry Lunsford. Motion carries.

Reports-

2020 Neighborhood Project Applications Update-Bonnie reported 13 projects have requested CWMA assistance for the 2020 season. Bonnie requested a date for the Sifting Committee to update the criteria in the very near future. The date selected was Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Calvin asked that Bonnie send reminders prior to the meeting.

Project Reports-

Salubria-Bonnie reported they had a successful day with private landowners and the BLM. The weather cooperated for treatment of leafy spurge, rush skeletonweed, knapweed and thistles. This is a Phase 3 project.

Dutch Flat-Bonnie reported they had a good turnout of private landowners. Two of the landowners were unable to participate but hired individuals to bring their equipment and treat rush skeletonweed.

This project has scheduled but made a comeback this fall. The spring project was cancelled by the project coordinator due to rainy conditions and cooperators were having trouble finding an alternative date. The project coordinator was on site this fall and participation was better.

Cow Creek-Jerry Lunsford reported he volunteered on this project and they had a very successful day. The coordinator was much better prepared/organized this time and had a pump set up to draft out of the creek. This enable the weed department to keep refilling spray truck tanks so spraying went uninterrupted. The weather cooperated and everyone came but one landowner. Bonnie reported that she visited with the coordinator regarding plans for next year and he expects it to be as or more productive than this year. This will allow us to request more grant funding for this project area.

Bonnie reported that Midvale Weed Beaters have cancelled due to upcoming bad weather. They will continue in 2020 if approved.

Weed Crusaders, Up the Creek, Valley View and Mann Creek Valley projects upcoming. Volunteers are always welcome.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities:

**Larry announced that today is his wedding anniversary. Larry & Irene have been married 63 years. Congratulations! The board also asked what he was doing at a weed meeting on his anniversary.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Harmon thanked everyone for coming.

Motion to adjourn by Calvin Hickey, second by Tom Yankey. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.