

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

**Those attending:**

**Larry Anderson**

**Tom Yankey**

**Calvin Hickey**

**Isaac Ward**

**Jerry Lunsford**

**Harmon Horton**

**Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed**

**Zac Huling-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game**

**Jasen King-Idaho Dept. Lands**

**Kirk Chandler-Wash. Co. Commissioner**

**Guests this evening: Betty Ward-private landowner, Jim Hickey-CWMA volunteer.**

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Yankey, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Royce Schwenkfelder, Sarah Funk and Lonnie Huter are absent this evening. Calvin Hickey and Bruce Gochnour will be late.

**Introductions: N/A**

**In the Matter of the Minutes:** Motion by Larry Anderson to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting as written. Second by Tom Yankey. Motion carries.

**In the matter of claims:** Bonnie presented the following claims for review/approval: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: Salubria-1,025.57, Dutch Flat-1,506.02. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: Cow Creek-2,164.65 (SQSCD-\$500, WCWC-1,664.65), Weed Crusaders-887.14 (SQSCD-\$200.42, WCWC-\$686.72), Advent Gulch-1,011.45, Mann Creek Valley-715.63 (SQSCD-\$270.23, WCWC-84.96), Valley View-448.47, Up the Creek-675.78. Motion by Jerry Lunsford to accept the claims as presented, second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.

**In the matter of Correspondence:** Copies of the inserts that were mailed with the tax bills were shared with the board.

**General Business**

**Sifting Committee Recommendation-**Members of the committee shared their experience in dealing with the revised/streamlined applications and sifting documents. Jim Hickey shared he felt it was fair and weeded out awarding points for nothing. He noted this resulted in lower scores overall but it was consistent. Explanation was given that Micky Gulch and Lower Pine received low scores because they did not have a project in 2019. Lower Pine did not apply and Micky Gulch was cancelled. Maximum points for a project is now 40 rather than 100. Motion by Jerry Lunsford to accept the recommendation of the Sifting Committee for the 2020 projects. Second by Harmon Horton, motion carries. Jerry brought up the book keeping nightmare that sometimes develops when a cooperator brings a four gallon backpack sprayer to a project, sprays one backpack load and Bonnie has to split the cost of that load into various amounts between three people. In addition to the billing we have the applicator records and the mapping. The committee shared during one of their initial restructuring meetings this was discussed in depth. It was suggested that we create a policy of \$20 minimum charge and it doesn't matter if you load 1 time or 4. Discussion followed that people are not going to like this and Bonnie will take the brunt. It was suggested this could be introduced at the cooperator dinner, make the announcement at that time so people are prepared. The board does not feel this is unreasonable. Commissioner Chandler does not see a problem with it. Bonnie was directed to place this matter on the December agenda as an Action Item.

Calvin Hickey joined the meeting.

**Cooperator Dinner-**Bonnie inquired if the board is going to host the top trappers in the Rodent District at this event as we have in the past. Motion was made by Larry Anderson to continue, second by Tom Yankey. Motion carries.

**Neighborhood Project Signs-** Calvin Hickey volunteered to help with bracing and possible relocation of one. He reported he feels the one along Hwy 95 north of Weiser would be easier to see

if it was moved to the Biddinger property? We will contact Mike Biddinger to see if he will allow the sign to be relocated to his property. It was suggested this be placed on the February or March agenda.

**January Advisory Board Meeting**-Bonnie stated she will be out of town at the annual weed superintendent meeting and Idaho Noxious Weed Conference on our regular meeting night. She asked the board to reschedule to Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Motion by Tom Yankey to reschedule the January Weed Advisory Board meeting for Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Second by Jerry Lunsford, motion carries.

### **New Business**

**Pesticide Licensing**-Bonnie discussed with the board the possibility of hosting a one day class to assist those who would like to get their private applicator license from ISDA. Maybe half day classroom and half day for testing. They asked Bonnie to check with ISDA and see if they are willing to do something like this for us. Bonnie noted there are several people who have shown interest in getting licensed but would like to do it here. Tom Yankey stated that's how he originally got licensed and it was in Moscow.

**Idaho Noxious Weed Conference**-The conference is in Boise again this year, January 15-16, 2020. The board will sponsor two board members to attend. Please contact Bonnie on or before December 10, 2019 if you are interested in attending.

### **Project Reports-**

**Weed Crusaders**-This project went well and was probably the coldest of the year. A few sprayers were frozen up but they got them thawed. It was a very productive day and had several people participate. A new infestation of leafy spurge was treated/eradicated (we will watch this) and one neighbor loaned his tractor to another so they could treat more area.

**Up the Creek**-Jerry reported the weather was perfect. A new landowner participated and Jerry got to spend some time talking with them. It was a fairly good turnout.

**Valley View**-Isaac reported the weather didn't cooperate but it was a productive day. The rain came and went but was a good day and the cooperators stayed and waited out the storms. Another new large landowner signed on this fall and will continue with this group. They are serious about weed control.

**Mann Creek Valley**-This was a reschedule due to rain but was beautiful. Jasen was able to come and treat a spurge site on Idaho Dept. Lands that is within the project boundary. The day was a success and great progress is being made.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Activities**

Bonnie shared anyone needing credits soon can attend the Southwest Idaho Weed Control Association Fall Seminar at the Caldwell Elks, Thursday, November 21, 2019. This is an all-day class, cost is \$35 which includes lunch and will offer 4 Idaho credits.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Harmon thanked everyone for coming.

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