

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

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

**Jasen King-Idaho Dept. Lands
Lisa Collini-Wash. Co. Commissioner
Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Lonnie Smith-Wash. County Weed
Andy Bumgarner-USFS
Zac Huling-Idaho Fish & Game
Sarah Funk-Idaho Power
Vance MacFarland-Idaho Power**

Guests this evening: Roy Praeger and Betty Ward-private landowners

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. (The late start was due to the Poster Contest Awards). Pledge of Allegiance by Harmon Horton, Invocation by Jerry Lunsford. Bruce Gochnour and Lonnie Huter are absent this evening. Harmon thanked everyone for coming early to show their support and congratulate the students that were able to attend this evening.

Introductions: Sarah Funk, Idaho Power introduced Vance MacFarland, new science technician for Idaho Power. Roy Praeger is a resident of Weiser and thought he would come down and sit in on a meeting.

In the Matter of the Minutes: Motion by Isaac Ward to accept the minutes of the May 14th and April 9th, 2019 meetings as presented. Second by Royce Schwenkfelder. Motion carries.

In the matter of claims: Bonnie presented the following claims for board approval: Phase 1 Projects-Weed Crusaders Day #1, 5/3/19-\$483.08, Pine Creek Estates 6/4/19-\$195.48, new project Cow Creek Day #1, 6/6/19-\$1,771.02. Phase 2 Project-Mann Creek Valley Day #1, \$479.77. Bonnie does not have the Phase 3 project bills completed yet but will have them for the July meeting. Motion was made by Tom Sutton to approve the bills to be sent to the Squaw Creek Soil Conservation District for payment. Second by Calvin Hickey. Motion carries.

In the matter of Correspondence:

General Business

Poster Contest Results-Bonnie reported the following poster entries for 2019-Weiser Middle School-4, Weiser Park Intermediate-89, Midvale-11, Cambridge-29 for a total of 133. 20 posters were disqualified. Top 12 for 2019: 5-Cambridge, 7-Weiser. The board discussed the entries and lack of from the Weiser Middle School. It was nice the top 3 winners were present this evening to receive their checks.

Teacher Workshop Update-Jerry reported everything is on track for the workshop. Bonnie reported there are 19 registered for the workshop. The weed crew will have everything ready when the teachers arrive in the morning.

Weed Tour Update-Bonnie stated everything is set but they need a location for the second stop where weeds and appropriate herbicides will be discussed. The board discussed various possibilities that would be suitable for the entire caravan to be and park safely. Harmon volunteered to go and look at a couple locations this evening after the meeting. Sarah Funk, Idaho Power reported they are ready for Thursday but it is .50 mile hike in to the site of the presentation and people will need to walk. Those who may have difficulty doing so were discussed and Sarah felt they could caravan some in with the Idaho Power pickup. She also reported that Hilary Cosentino, Freshwater Trust said they encountered 2 rattlesnakes at the site so we will need to be aware when walking and during the presentation.

New Business

2020 Cooperator Dinner- Caterers were discussed and the board feels we should speak with Judy to see if she is available. Calvin Hickey agreed to do so and will report at the July meeting.

Neighborhood Project Boundaries/Considerations-Jerry Lunsford addressed the board about a landowner in the Keithley Creek area who would like to start a project that was not here back when the Keithley Creek Project was active. He stated the individual lives on Hague Road and Jerry doesn't think there were many houses there at that time. Bonnie pointed out large maps of the Keithley Creek Project area that Jim Hickey printed for them today that show the ownership in 2009 vs. 2019. Jerry did not realize there were so many homes back then. Jerry feels this is a good opportunity and give them the opportunity to participate. Bonnie explained reasons this is not a good idea: 1. Boundaries are set for a reason 2. If we change the operating procedures that will set a precedence for other projects to return and do the same thing. They would be able to apply again and they would be a Phase 3 project funding themselves. Harmon stated he would like to see that project come back on board but more participation is going to be needed. Jerry will let the landowner inquiring know.

Reports-

Common Crupina-Lonnie Huter is absent this evening. Bonnie reported the crupina was aerial sprayed, it did not happen when scheduled due to weather but is complete. Lonnie will report further when he is able to attend.

Project Reports-

Middle Valley Waterways-Harmon reported they had to reschedule due to weather but still had 26 people attend. They were aggressive and accomplished a great deal on project day. The project was a success.

Valley View-Isaac Ward reported this is a good project. There were 15 people on spray day and he was very pleased to see a couple new ones there. This project has made a world of difference.

Up the Creek-Jerry Lunsford volunteered and was happy to see a couple new landowners there.

Andy Bumgarner reported the leafy spurge is doing very well this year but the bonus is the forbs are also doing well. They sprayed 19 gallons up the old sheep driveway and 72 over on Hubert Ward's side. There were four forest service people doing this work. Jasen King, Idaho Dept. of Lands was there on project day and agreed the leafy spurge is doing very good this year. The project went well.

Advent Gulch-Jerry Lunsford volunteered again and stated all cooperators showed up. The spurge is doing very well in this area as well.

Pine Creek Estates project was held in conjunction with Advent Gulch and they had 2 people spraying but they got a lot done. They were late starting but went nearly all day. The BLM and Forest Service assisted with the Advent Gulch project.

Salubria-Lonnie Smith reported it went good but this was his first year. Bonnie reported most cooperators showed up and the BLM and Justin Mink worked together on the spurge on the south side of the Weiser River that day and accomplished a great deal. Bonnie noted this project was rescheduled due to weather.

Cow Creek-Jerry Lunsford reported this is a new project. Everyone showed up but in Jerry's opinion some of them could use larger equipment. It went well and they got a lot accomplished spraying over 1,700 gallons. One landowner hired Ferrell Crossley to come in and help him. The weather held till the end of the day when many took refuge in the project trailer to get out of the downpour. The Bilbao boys spray "a lot".

Announcements & Upcoming Activities:

**Teacher Workshop-tomorrow

**Annual Weed Tour-Thursday, June 13th

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Horton asked Mr. Praeger if he had any questions or concerns we could help him with. He stated no, he was just interested and found tonight's meeting very informative. Harmon thanked him for coming and the public is always welcome.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Sutton, second by Tom Yankey. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.