

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

Those attending:

Harmon Horton

Isaac Ward

Tom Yankey

Bruce Gochnour

Royce Schwenkfelder

Calvin Hickey

Lonnie Huter-BLM

Sarah Funk-Idaho Power

Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed

Zac Huling-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game

Jasen King-Idaho Dept. Lands

Lyndon Haines-Wash. Co. Commissioner

Andy Bumgarner-USFS

Mary Ridout-University of Idaho Extension

Attendees via Zoom: Sarah Funk, Jasen King, Zac Huling (see full listing above).

Guests this evening: *Betty Ward and Debbie Warren-private landowner*

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Royce Schwenkfelder, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Tom Sutton and Jerry Lunsford are absent and excused this evening. Harmon apologized to those on Zoom for the late start due to newsletter folding. Our thanks to Aaron for editing and Sarah and Idaho Power for the final edit and printing of the publication.

Introductions: *The group welcomed guest Debbie Warren.*

In the Matter of the Minutes: Minutes of March 9, 2021. Motion by Bruce Gochnour to accept the minutes as presented this evening. Second by Royce Schwenkfelder. Motion carries.

In the matter of claims: N/A

In the matter of Correspondence: Debbie Warren introduced herself to the group providing her background and history in Washington County. She shared her strong service background and her sense of community. She wanted to be here tonight because she feels the Weed Board and Weed Department fill that sense of community. She is announcing tonight for the first time that next year she will be running as a candidate for District 3 County Commissioner. The board congratulated her on this decision. The board expressed their appreciation for attending this evening.

General Business

Teacher Workshop/Summer Weed Tour-Bonnie reported in Jerry's absence there are 10 registered to date with more interested and must have 15 to hold the class. The board finalized the weed tour sites to visit. We will do the IROAM Educational Trailer presentation at the weed office before we depart. The Targeted Grazing will be held at the BLM on Happy Hollow Road where the fire burned, Mike Pellant will do this presentation. Andy Bumgarner reported that Ford's and Edwards will be grazing the seeding area. Zac Huling reported that Aaron is set to do the drone presentation and we will be visiting the Advent Gulch project area which a portion of burned last summer. After discussion the board decided the final presentation of the day will be back at the weed office and will feature a "clean" ATV & UTV which will be blown out to see the amount of weed seed it is contaminated with. The intent of this presentation is to focus upon the recreational use that may be transporting seed without thinking. The board discussed the lunch set up and take down at the fairgrounds. Royce reported the FFA students will be in Moscow so will not be available to assist. He reached out to Katelyn Papineau, the leader of Hitt Mtn. 4-H group. They are very interested in doing this for us. Katelyn notified Bonnie the 4-H Club voted at their meeting to do the set up and take down for the tour. The cost for renting tables and chairs for this event runs \$400 or more. Motion by Calvin Hickey to pay Hitt Mtn. 4-H group \$400 to set up and take down the exhibit hall for the tour. 2nd by Tom Yankey. Discussion we will still pay the \$60 janitorial fee to have the building swept, mopped and bathrooms cleaned. Chairman Horton called for the vote-motion carries unanimous. It was noted if we continue to have lunch at the fairgrounds we can donate to a different group each year. Bonnie will let Katelyn know of the board's decision. Bruce suggested since one hour is a long

time for some to stand during tour presentations it would be a good idea to take out some chairs at each stop for those who are not able to stand for that long. The project trailer has 20+ folding chairs and we can put the stack chairs in as well.

Cooperator Appreciation Dinner-Motion by Bruce Gochnour to hold the Cooperator Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Second by Royce Schwenkfelder, motion carries. Motion by Royce Schwenkfelder to have the dinner at the Vendome in Weiser. Second by Calvin Hickey, motion carries. Bonnie will make these arrangements.

Summer Biological Workshop-Bonnie stated that Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Bio Center is happy to do a workshop for us and by incorporating herbicide treatments into the presentation we would be eligible for credits. The board selected July 14th or 15th for the seminar. Bonnie will check with Paul to see if he is available for a classroom presentation and they would like to offer continuing education credits to applicators.

New Business

Draft 2021 Neighborhood Project Schedule-Bonnie presented the 2021 project schedule for the board's review. Board consensus is to move forward with it.

Reports

BLM Common Crupina & Yellow Starthistle 2020 Treatments- Lonnie Huter, BLM presented on the 2020 treatments for crupina and yellow star. He presented the board with maps of the past season's treatment sites for both species. He also reported that he recently identified approximately 50 acres of yellow starthistle in what he originally thought was Washington County but is in fact Payette County. It is approximately 4 miles from the Paddock site. It was originally reported by hunters who Lonnie communicated with to identify locations etc. He is working on a plan to treat this site. The board thanked Lonnie for the video presentation and all his efforts to stop the new invaders.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities-

****Remember Poster Contest Winners will be recognized at our May meeting.**

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Horton extended the boards thanks for those tuning in via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Bruce Gochnour, second by Royce Schwenkfelder.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.