

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

Those attending:

**Isaac Ward
Calvin Hickey
Tom Yankey
Bruce Gochnour
Jerry Lunsford**

**Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed
Aaron Switalski-Idaho Dept. Fish & Game**

Attendees via Zoom: none this evening

Guests this evening: N/A

Bonnie announced our chairman is not going to be here this evening. Motion by Bruce Gochnour that Jerry Lunsford chair the meeting, second by Calvin Hickey. Motion carries.

Interim Chairman Lunsford called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Bruce Gochnour, Invocation by Isaac Ward. Tom Sutton, Harmon Horton, Royce Schwenkfelder, Lonnie Huter, Jasen King, Andy Bumgarner, Sarah Funk and Commissioner Haines are absent and excused this evening.

Introductions: N/A

In the Matter of the Minutes: Minutes of June 8, 2021. Motion by Bruce Gochnour to accept the minutes as presented, second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.

In the matter of claims: Bonnie presented the following project billing invoices for board review and include total herbicide purchases (both landowner & county cost share) including sales tax where applicable: Weed Crusaders-\$574.39, Valley View \$2,234.89, Up the Creek-\$413.40, Salubria-\$452.22, Pine Creek Mountain Estates-\$226.55, Midvale Weed Beaters-\$1394.17, Middle Valley Waterways-\$1,262.70, Mann Creek Valley-\$952.42, Cow Creek-\$3,953.17, Advent Gulch-\$1,625.87 (gulch area), \$1,022.53 (south end). Motion by Calvin Hickey to approve the invoices as presented, second by Bruce Gochnour. Motion carries. Bonnie reported total gallons sprayed during the 12 spring projects was 15,685.

In the matter of Correspondence: Bonnie read a letter from a local teacher thanking the board for sponsoring the teacher workshop and tour annually for local teachers "best ever" was how she referred to this years.

General Business

Teacher Workshop/Summer Weed Tour-The board discussed how the tour went with the changes due to the weather. They discussed that it was very fortunate the exhibit hall in Cambridge was reserved as that saved the day. It was difficult for the speakers especially Aaron who could not do his drone presentation however they all adapted fine. Discussion we will have the drone presentation at a future tour. The IRRC IROAM trailer was a huge hit, very informative and a great educational tool. Bonnie asked the board if they wished to continue with the honorariums of \$300 each for Gretchen Hyde and April Hulet for the workshop per their motion 2/12/2019. Yes, the board directed Bonnie to continue per the boards 2019 motion. She will get that taken care of. Tom Yankey stated that Aaron did an awesome job and he felt the teachers participated more this year.

August Newsletter-All articles are due by July 16th and assignments were discussed.

Project Reviews-Due to board member absences this evening we will revisit this at the August meeting.

New Business

Review Neighborhood Project Application for 2022-The board discussed Bonnie making the updates to the application. Motion by Bruce Gochnour that Bonnie update the application removing any mention of the ISDA from the document, second by Calvin Hickey. Motion carries. Applications will be available August 2, 2021 for the 2022 project season and are due by Thursday, September 9, 2021 by noon.

2021 Tax Bill Insert-Bonnie reminded the board we need to select three weeds to feature on the insert that will be sent out with the tax bills late November. She would like a decision made at the August meeting.

Reports

Paddock-Bonnie reported that Lonnie has found another contractor for us to use that can go in with backpacks. He is planning to visit the site soon and look over the areas the helicopter could not treat. The tentative date for the contractor is July 22, 2021. More updates to follow.

Announcements & Upcoming Activities-

***Biological Workshop-July 15, 2021 2-5:00 p.m.**

***Newsletter folding before our August meeting, we will begin around 5:00 p.m.**

****Aaron announced the Andrus WMA is going to be spraying approximately 600 acres of spotted knapweed and rush skeletonweed. They are going to be using an applicator from Montana that does survey work for F&G as well. They received some funding to help with this but is encouraging if others would like to utilize this contractor while they are here Fish and Game will be paying all the mobilization fees which is a huge savings. They are working with some of the surrounding landowners.**

Next meeting is Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Bruce Gochnour to adjourn, second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.