

**WASHINGTON COUNTY WEED ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

**Those attending:**

**Harmon Horton**

**Isaac Ward**

**Calvin Hickey**

**Tom Yankey**

**Bruce Gochnour**

**Jerry Lunsford**

**Tom Sutton**

**Royce Schwenkfelder**

**Bonnie Davis-Wash. County Weed**

**Lyndon Haines-Wash. Co. Commissioner**

Attendees via Zoom: Sarah Funk, Idaho Power

**Guests this evening:** *Jeffrey Pettingill-Baker County*

Chairman Horton called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance by Royce Schwenkfelder, Invocation Bruce Gochnour. Lonnie Huter and Aaron Switalski are absent and excused this evening.

**Introductions:** *The board welcomed Jeffrey Pettingill former Bonneville County Weed Superintendent now working in Baker County.*

**In the Matter of the Minutes:** Minutes of July 13, 2021. Motion by Bruce Gochnour to accept the minutes as presented, second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.

**In the matter of claims:** *N/A*

**In the matter of Correspondence:** Bruce briefly explained about some upcoming licensing changes. An example Private Applicators will need an additional endorsement to purchase phostoxin for gopher control. All licensed applicators received a blue card in the mail that said New Temporary Rules for Pesticide Applicators and lists the rules so you can research them on the ISDA website. We may consider this for a future presentation.

**General Business**

**On Site Project Reviews-**Reviews will be Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, meet at the weed department at 8:00 a.m. and should return early afternoon. Projects to visit are Dutch Flat, Midvale Weed Beaters and Pine Creek Mountain Estates. Bruce, Calvin (maybe), Jerry, Harmon and Bonnie will participate. Bonnie will notify the project coordinators of the upcoming board visit. Everyone is welcome to come and participate.

**Biological Workshop-**Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Bio Center presented on July 15<sup>th</sup> and those attending found it very interesting. Everyone was impressed that he brought biological agents with him to hand out to those attending. Bonnie was disappointed as numerous people had indicated they needed credits and most of them did not attend. There were approximately 25 in attendance and 3 ISDA recertification credits were given to those with licenses.

**Cooperator Appreciation Dinner-**The date for this event is Thursday, January 27, 2022 and will be held at the Vendome. Bonnie spoke with Mayor Hibberd who agreed to waive the rental fees and thanked the weed department and board for all they do. It was mentioned not knowing what may happen with Covid for the coming winter we reserve the Exhibit Hall in Cambridge as a backup in the case the Vendome is closed down. The board briefly discussed "if we have to cancel" but then decided to move forward with an alternative location. It was suggested we ask Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Bio Center to present for 30-40 minutes. Caterers were discussed, Judy has always done an outstanding job. Bonnie will visit with her regarding her comfort level with unvaccinated guests attending. She will report back at the September meeting.

**New Business**

**Request for 3<sup>rd</sup> Day at Advent Gulch due to Woodhead Fire-**Jerry Lunsford explained where the fire went through at the time of the spring project it looked good. Now the scotch thistle is solid along the creek and he estimates there are 1-3 scotch thistle rosettes under each sagebrush. Motion by

Royce Schwenkfelder to allow for a second fall day at Advent Gulch. Second by Tom Yankey, motion carries.

**2021 Tax Bill Insert**-the board will feature leafy spurge, rush skeletonweed and yellow starthistle on the tax bill insert. They would like photos featured of what the plants will look like in the fall if this is at all possible.

**2022 Draft Calendar**-Bonnie presented the board with a draft copy of the monthly 2022 calendar for board review. Tom Yankey requested Bonnie switch December and July. Motion by Bruce Gochnour to go to print with said changes, second by Tom Sutton. Motion carries.

**2022 Project Sifting**-Sifting will be done on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 with more details to follow at our September meeting.

### **Reports**

**Paddock Yellow Starthistle**-Bonnie reported that Lonnie has offered a tour opportunity for board members to visit the common crupina and or yellow starthistle site. We will revisit this at our next meeting.

### **Announcements & Upcoming Activities-**

**\*Neighborhood Project Applications are currently available.**

**Due date is Thursday, September 9, 2021 by noon.**

**Next meeting is Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

Motion by Calvin Hickey to adjourn, second by Bruce Gochnour, motion carries.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

*Meeting was held both in person and via Zoom.*