

**Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Wednesday – February 15, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes**

6:00 pm: Chairman Tom Petty called the Board meeting to order.

Board Members present: **Jerry Hendrickson, Brit Ausman**

Guests present: **Megan Stewart, Kodie Wight, and Jennifer Zipse (Asotin County Conservation District)**

Minutes:

Board reviewed the minutes from the December 15, 2021 board meeting.

1. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2021 board meeting. **Motion Carried.***

Financial Updates:

Board reviewed the Financial Report.

2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the expense report as presented. **Motion Carried.***

New Business:

The board was provided an update on the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation habitat enhancement project proposal. The 2022 proposal has been drafted and the funds requested will increase to \$15,000 from RMEF and an additional \$25,000 from matching/contributor funds. ACCD will be the sponsor for funding.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation also sent an invitation to apply for the 2022 RMEF Wildfire Restoration grant. The project would aim to have lasting ecological benefits, address resource management issues, and improve forest, grassland, shrubland and/or watershed health. The grant has a minimum request of \$50,000.

3. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to support the submission of the RMEF Habitat Enhancement project for 2022 and the RMEF Wildfire Restoration project for 2022. **Motion Carried.***

BPA Interagency Agreement is currently in the final year. Megan proposed to renew the agreement and increase the funding request.

4. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded to approve the renewal and increase in funding request for the BPA Interagency Agreement. **Motion Carried.***

The Verizon cell phone contract has expired. The phone was used by past weed board coordinators. The phone is no longer needed and the ACCD phone lines have become the point

of communication. A letter to the county was drafted regarding the cancellation of the Verizon contract.

5. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to cancel the Verizon cell phone contract. **Motion Carried.***

Asotin County Fair is quickly approaching (April). Asotin County Cattlemen have offered to split a booth with the Noxious Weed Board and Asotin Co. Conservation District.

6. *Brit Ausman moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to split a booth at the Asotin Co. Fair with the Cattlemen and ACCD. **Motion Carried.***

The 2022 Asotin County Noxious Weed List was reviewed at the Asotin County Commissioner's meeting. Zero public comments were brought forward during the meeting. Public comment is still open until 12pm on February 18th. A special Noxious Weed Board meeting will be held on February 22nd to review any public comment and to adopt the list.

Public Comment

Brit Ausman voiced an extreme concern for the remarkably low 2022 CRP rates. Weed control problems could arise for those producers who pull out of CRP due to the rates.

Review of Motions:

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm by Chairman Tom Petty.



CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

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