

**Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Wednesday – April 19, 2022
Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Board Members present: **Jerry Hendrickson, Brit Ausman, Tom Petty**
Guests present: **Megan Stewart (6:14), Kodie Wight, and Jennifer Zipse (Asotin County Conservation District)**

Minutes:

Board reviewed the minutes from the February 15, 2022 board meeting.

1. *Brit Ausman moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 board meeting. **Motion Carried.***

Financial Updates:

Board reviewed the Financial Report.

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

New Business:

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation awarded ACNWCB 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 for public and private lands. Weed control will be established in the burn scars.

During the 2022 Asotin County Fair, ACNWCB, Asotin Co. Conservation District, and Asotin Co. Cattlemen will be sharing a booth space. ACCD will be manning the booth to present conservation programs, weed board programs and the Bighorn Sheep health program.

Kodie provided the board with a brief overview of the current cost-share projects. She also presented a draft of a weed management plan for the board to review for any changes; no changes were suggested. A management plan must be in place to apply for cost-share.

USFS has presented ACNWCB and ACCD with an Invasive Plan Management Partnership. The agreement is to have ACCD staff address the control of noxious weeds on USFS land and spraying to be done by a contractor. A budget of \$40,000 has been put together from USFS. This agreement could lead to a great long-term partnership.

The ACCD Board would like to pursue a longer-term agreement with ACNWCB. The ACCD Board is supportive of extending the time. A longer-term would establish a higher success rate of weed management with landowners. The Weed Board would like to see a 3 to 5-year term.

Megan will present the proposed agreement duration at an upcoming County Commissioner meeting.

WA Sate Noxious Weed Control Board is looking for recommendations for changes to the 2023 weed list. The Asotin Co. Weed Board suggests having Russian Thistle added.

ACCD will potentially have a WCC crew to utilize on projects for the District and be able collaborate with weed board projects. The crew will be particularly beneficial to the EDRR Program.

Public Comment

None

Review of Motions:

1. *Brit Ausman moved and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 board meeting. **Motion Carried.***
2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion Carried.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 pm by Chairman Tom Petty.



CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

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BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE

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