



ASOTIN COUNTY
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

**Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Tuesday – October 17, 2023
Board Meeting Minutes**

6:13 pm: Chairman Tom Petty called the Board meeting to order.

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

Public Comment

Nelle Murray – Nelle would like to hold a position on the ACNWCB. She lives in District 5, which is not a vacant position. District 1 and District 3 have open positions on the Board. Nelle proposed forming a committee to adjust District 5's boundaries and requested to be on the committee. A change of the boundaries would need Asotin County Commissioner's approval. The Board did not support forming a committee to adjust District boundaries at this time and would want more time to consider her suggestions regarding a boundary change.

Minutes:

Board reviewed the minutes from the June 20, 2023, board meeting.

1. *Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023, board meeting. **Motion Carried.***

Financial Updates:

Board reviewed the October 2023 Financial Report.

2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the October 2023 financial report as presented. **Motion Carried.***

2024 Budget Update – Megan recently met with the County Commissioners to discuss the upcoming budget and how to continue programs based on funding. This will be a topic at the December board meeting when recommendations are made for the 2024 budget, program funding levels and program guidelines.

New Business:

Japanese Knotweed Update – ACNWCB had received a grant from WSDA for \$2,000 for the last state fiscal year which ended June 30. Another grant from WSDA of \$5,000 will be used for this biennium. The North side of the Asotin football field had a large infestation. That location was sprayed in May and followed up with a residue removal. Additional treatment(s) will be

needed. An additional assessment for knotweed was done all around the mouth of Asotin Creek. The Anatone population of Japanese knotweed was also treated.

Mediterranean Sage Update – Aerial treatment was completed for 373 acres by CJ Air, LLC in the Hwy 129 and Pintler locations. Alpha Services had an 11-person crew apply treatment in the Hwy 129 and Pintler locations. The WCC (WA Conservation Corp) sprayed new acres of Med. Sage infestation and assisted with the monitoring/inventory of the infestations. Nearly 900 acres have now been assessed for Med. Sage; only 193 of those acres did not contain the weed. Med. Sage seeds are carried predominantly by wind. WDFW has currently not done any treatments of the infestations on their property in the Pintler watershed. ACCD staff will meet with WDFW to discuss treatment plans and opportunities for collaboration.

USFS Treatment Report – The Forest Service approached ACCD to partner in weed control last spring. Roughly 72 acres were treated in the Lick Creek area. Treatment helped control weed infestations after the 2021 fire.

Biological Control Update – In total, 61 orders were placed in 2023. Bios for yellow starthistle, rush skeletonweed, Canada thistle, poison hemlock, and puncturevine. There may be future potential to order biological controls year-round. A tour of the bio-control center will also be planned for the future.

Outreach Signs Update – The Board had previously approved updating the sign at the check station, but prior to replacing one side of the sign, the opposite side became damaged. Kodie would like to not only replace both signs at the check station but two additional signs: one in Anatone and the other Westbound on Hwy 12.

State Noxious Weed List Update – WA State Noxious Weed Control Board will hold a hearing on October 31st to receive comment regarding the potential addition of a Class A weed, Plamer amaranth. They will also be clarifying language for conflicts for weed boards.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule – Currently the meetings are held on even numbered month except August. The board agrees to keep the same schedule for 2024. Next meeting is December 19th.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm by Chairman Tom Petty.

Review of Motions:

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CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

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