



ASOTIN COUNTY
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

**Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Tuesday – October 22, 2024
SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes**

6:00 pm: Asotin Co. Commissioner Chris Seubert called the Board meeting to order.

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

Guests present: **Kodie Wight, Jennifer Zipse, Megan Stewart (Asotin County Conservation District), Chris Seubert (Asotin Co. Commissioner), and Nelle Murray**

Public Comment

Nelle Murray – I am happy with the current board members. Comments made are to help with the weed programs. I have put in a FOIA (public records request) for financials from the weed board. The Board and landowners should know where the funds come from and how they are spent. Does there need to be three conservation district staff at every weed board meeting? Minutes should be sent out ahead with the agenda.

Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2024, board meeting.

1. *Bruce Petty moved, and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024, board meeting. **Motion Carried.***

Financial Updates:

Board reviewed the 2024 Financial Report.

2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Bruce Petty seconded a motion to approve the 2024 financial report as presented. **Motion Carried.***

New Business:

Cost-Share Program

- Eleven cost-share applications have been approved 2024 cost-share
- Three cost-share applications have been paid for a total of \$1,425 and 85 acres of weed control
- Eight cost-share applications totaling \$4,000 are still outstanding
- Several cooperators expect to complete fall weed control

Weed Management Program

- Currently working with four landowners on completing full noxious weed management plans.
- Established a participant agreement.
- One participant agreement has been approved. Two additional agreements are ready to be reviewed and signed

Bio-Control Program

- Continuously accepting biological control orders
- We are researching additional biological control agent distributors.

EDRR Program

- Working on monitoring plans

Knotweed Program

- Treated Asotin knotweed population on 9/27/24
- Working on a Japanese Knotweed Program report for 2024
- Planning a site visit with Asotin City maintenance staff to discuss treatment planning and site restoration.

Mediterranean Sage Program

- Due to weather and moisture, a spring herbicide application is most likely to be more cost-effective and successful than a fall application
- Funds do not expire at the end of the calendar year
- Working with ACCD monitoring specialist to create a monitoring plan

USFS Invasive Plant Partnership

- Due to weather conditions and crew availability, no treatment will be completed this fall
- Planning for one application in the spring to close out the grant
- Target treatment areas within the Lick Creek drainage included Cottonwood Gulch, Sourdough Gulch and along Lick Creek road.

Outreach

- Planning outreach event for landscapers and nurseries. Target date is early December
- Working with county road department on outreach sign locations
- Tree of Heaven flyers have been made, an inventory in the county is needed

2025 Program Discussion

- One more meeting is scheduled for 2024
- Cost-share funds
- Funds for weed management program (3-year phase)
- Bio-control program will need to continue to be funded, providing \$50 to each landowner's order
- Common crupina was a target species for EDRR
- The knotweed program is funded by the Washington State Department of Agriculture: there are currently two sites in Asotin County – does not come out of weed board funds
- Mediterranean Sage is closer to having a full inventory completed in the county – WDFW continues to help with the inventory
- Outreach was not really big in 2024 but will be vamped up in 2025. Already planning for a training of how to collect bio-controls
- ACCD's small landowner program will help boost weed management
- The board would like to see funding steered more to mediterranean sage and more outreach/education

Noxious Weed Assessment Levy

Currently the levy taxes \$6.40 per parcel under 80 acres and \$0.08 per parcel over 80 acres. The incorporated areas of the county, city of Clarkston and city of Asotin, are not part of the assessment levy but are receiving services from ACNWCB. The last resolution for the levy was passed in 2006. The board

would like to have options explored on how much would be generated by adding the incorporated areas into the levy and details on the process.

2025 Lions Club Calendar Ad

3. *Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Bruce Petty seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Lions Club calendar ad. **Motion Carried.***

Public Comment

Nelle Murray – Would like to see a breakdown on how the weed board funds are spent every month.

Adjourn

4. *Jerry Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting; Bruce Petty seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm by Chairman Brit Ausman.

Review of Motions:

1. *Bruce Petty moved, and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2024, board meeting. **Motion Carried.***
2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Bruce Petty seconded a motion to approve the 2024 financial report as presented. **Motion Carried.***
3. *Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Bruce Petty seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Lions Club calendar ad. **Motion Carried.***
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CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

12-18-24

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BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE

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