



**ASOTIN COUNTY
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

**Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Wednesday – December 18, 2024
SPECIAL Board Meeting Minutes**

1:01 pm: Brit Ausman, Chairman, 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)**

Public Comment

Brit – Public comment will only be taken during the two specified times, at the beginning and end of the board meeting. Public comment will not be taken during the meeting.

Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the October 22, 2024, board meeting.

1. *Bruce Petty moved, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2024, board meeting. **Motion Carried.***

Financial Updates:

Board reviewed the Financial Report.

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

2025 Budget

- The County has approved the 2025 budget
 - Separate funds are held specifically for the insurance, the remaining funds will be passed through to ACCD to administer the ACNWCB programs
 - There is an increase in the funds towards outreach
 - Programs will use a combination of contractors and ACCD work crew to implement projects
3. *Bruce Petty moved, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented. **Motion Carried.***

New Business:

Cost-Share Program

- Eleven cost-share applications have been approved 2024 cost-share
- Four cost-share applications have been paid for a total of \$1,925 and 130 acres of weed control
- Six cost-share applications totaling \$3,000 are still outstanding but will be wrapped up by the end of December

- A few cooperators did not complete applications due to dry weather conditions and a short application window, as well as an aerial spraying contractor being unavailable

Weed Management Program

- Four participant agreements have been approved totaling \$4,350.00 in incentive payments for 2025 through 2027 noxious weed management.
- Currently working with two additional landowners on completing noxious weed management plans.

Bio-Control Program

- Continuously accepting biological control orders
- We are researching additional biological control agent distributors, have found out there likely aren't any others that distribute

EDRR Program

- No activity

Knotweed Program

- Completed the 2024 Japanese Knotweed Program Report
- 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
- Planning a meeting with all landowners to discuss 2025 surveys and treatment plans, probably late January.
- Submitted the Mule Deer Foundation funding request for Mediterranean Sage surveys and treatment.

USFS Invasive Plant Partnership

- Due to weather conditions and crew availability, no treatment will be completed this fall
- Completed the 2024 USFS Invasive Plant Partnership Report and submitted to USFS.

Outreach

- Hosted outreach event for landscapers and nurseries. No turn out. Could potentially try to host an additional event in early March.
- Working with county road department on outreach sign locations.
- Submitted letter of support for the WSDA's efforts to acquire funding for Tree of Heaven and Spotted Lanternfly prevention.
- Attended the Community Wildfire Protection Plan town hall meeting on 12/11.
 - o Bruce suggested having a booth at the Home & Garden Show

2025 Meeting Schedule

- Current schedule is to meet on even months, minus August
 - A meeting in January is needed to adopt the WA State weed list
 - By law, one meeting must be held every quarter
 - Board members would like to have the meeting schedule and current board members, added to the ACCD website
4. *Jerry Hendrickson moved to approve, and Bruce Petty seconded the motion for the 2025 meeting schedule: January 28th at 1pm, April 15th at 6pm, June 17th at 6pm, October 21st at 6pm, and December 16th at 1pm. **Motion Carried.***

Noxious Weed Assessment Levy

- Options were explored on how much would be generated by adding the incorporated areas of Asotin and Clarkston into the levy and details on the process.
- The Board agreed it currently is not worth the time and funds to annex the Cities of Asotin and Clarkston into the tax assessment for noxious weeds

2025 Noxious Weed List Update

- Round leaf bittersweet and marsh thistle will be added as Class A weeds
- One Class B change in Pierce County only
- Verbiage changes to reflect the WACs

Weed Board Vacancies

- The Anatone and Peola District positions are currently vacant
- Another round of advertising will be done to help fulfill the vacancies

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

5. Bruce Petty moved to adjourn the meeting; Brit Ausman seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm by Chairman Brit Ausman.

Review of Motions:

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