

# ASOTIN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

## Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board Wednesday – February 4, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

1:03 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**

None

#### Minutes:

The board reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2024, board meeting.

1. Bruce Petty moved, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024, board meeting. **Motion Carried.** 

#### Financial Updates:

Board reviewed the Financial Report.

- 2025 budget of \$77,000
  - o Rolled surplus funds into budget
  - o Insurance and communications are estimated
- 2. Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Bruce Petty seconded a motion to approve the final 2024 financial report as presented. **Motion Carried.**

## **New Business:**

#### **Cost-Share Program**

- Eleven cost-share applications were approved for 2024 cost-share. Five cost-share applications were completed and paid for a total of \$2,425.00 and 175 acres of weed control.
- Six cost-share applications were not completed due to dry weather conditions, a short application window, and lack of contractor availability.

#### **Weed Management Program**

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

#### **Bio-Control Program**

o Continuously accepting biological control orders.

#### **EDRR Program**

No activity

#### **Knotweed Program**

- o Completed the 2024 Japanese Knotweed Program Report.
- o Planning a site visit with Asotin City maintenance staff to discuss treatment planning and site restoration.

#### Mediterranean Sage Program

- o Due to the weather and moisture, a spring herbicide application is most likely to be more cost-effective and successful than a fall application.
- o Funds do not expire at the end of the calendar year.
- o Draft monitoring plan is complete. Further review needed.
- o Planning a meeting with all landowners to discuss 2025 surveys and treatment plans.

### **USFS** Invasive Plant Partnership

- o Completed the 2024 USFS Plant Partnership Report and submitted to USFS.
- o Planning treatment for the spring. Will coordinate with USFS staff on priority treatment sites.

#### Outreach

- County road department provided a Right-of-Ways permit application for installing outreach signs within county rights-of-way. Work must begin within 30 days after granting the permit and the permit is valid for 6 months. Will submit application in the early spring.
- o Requesting updated signage quotes.
- Nez Perce County Home and Garden Show and Sale 2025- Held in early March. 2025 registration has passed. 8'x8' Booth Fee: \$360 including \$100 booth deposit for 3 days (~19 booth hours)
- WDFW provided an update that the consultation for the Boot brush station should be completed this spring. We can install the station after the consultation is completed.
- Washington Invasive Species Council just announced the second year of free boot brush station distribution. WISC distributed 30 boot brush stations in 2024 and has 20 remaining stations to distribute in 2025. We will submit an interest form.

#### 2025 Noxious Weed List Adoption

- No public comments were received
- State added Class A species; none are in Asotin Co.
- 3. Bruce Petty moved, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to adopt the 2025 Noxious Weed List. **Motion Carried.**

## **Public Comment**

Bruce Petty – scotch thistle: Was asked by fellow landowners to inquire about the weed board taking the lead on aerial spraying cost-share across multiple landowner's properties. Kodie – will be out the office for two weeks

#### Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm by Chairman Brit Ausman.

## **Review of Motions:**

- 1. Bruce Petty moved, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2024, board meeting. **Motion Carried.**
- 2. Jerry Hendrickson moved, and Bruce Petty seconded a motion to approve the final 2024 financial report as presented. **Motion Carried.**
- 3. Bruce Petty moved, and Jerry Hendrickson seconded a motion to adopt the 2025 Noxious Weed List. **Motion Carried.**

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE

9-15-25

DATE

4-15-25

DATE