Asotin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Thursday – February 25, 2021
Board Meeting Minutes

7:08 pm: Chairman Tom Petty called the Board meeting to order.

Board Members present: **Jerry Hendrickson, Brit Ausman**
Guests present: **Megan Stewart (Asotin County Conservation District)**

Minutes:
Board reviewed the minutes from the December 8, 2020 board meeting.

1. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 board meeting.* ***Motion Carried.***

Financial Updates:
Board reviewed the Financial Report.

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

New Business:
The board reviewed the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation project proposal. There were no changes recommended. Megan will submit the proposal prior to the March 5th deadline.

Megan presented project recommendations:

EDRR Program should be continued as implemented in the past but also focus on areas adjacent to other weed control projects that are funded by other sources, especially CREP. This will provide a good partnership between the programs and provide match for the RMEF projects.

Cost-Share for weed control should not focus solely on Yellow Star Thistle but there should be some target weeds that the weed board recognizes as priorities due to increased infestations. Rather than providing a flat rate based on application method, cost-share should be based on a per acre rate. The cost-share application should identify which weed species will be targeted and maps of the treatment areas provided. In 2022, it is recommended only landowners with weed management plans for a tract, parcel or full property will be eligible for cost-share. This plans would be written by ACCD staff.

We need to look for opportunities to provide bio controls to landowners. ACCD will identify options to purchase or collect bugs. ACCD staff will also identify new project opportunities as they develop individual weed management plans that could possibly be implemented in fall 2021 or next year.

The board asked Megan to provide cost-share rate recommendations for the 2021 weed control program and present them at the next meeting.

Review of Motions:

1. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 board meeting.* ***Motion Carried.***
2. *Jerry Hendrickson moved and Brit Ausman seconded a motion to approve the expense report as presented.* ***Motion Carried.***

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm by Chairman Tom Petty.

CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE — DATE 4-7-2021

BOARD MEMBER SIGNATURE — DATE 4-7-21