



Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Minutes

Published Meeting
April 18, 2024, 5:30pm
Skagit County Noxious Weed Board
In person in Skagit Room or
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - i. *SG called to order at 5:38pm*
- II. ROLL CALL
 - i. *SG, KA, DM, ML and EE*
- III. AGENDA
 - a. April 18, 2024 Meeting Agenda
 - i. *JK moves to approve, KA seconds at 5:42pm*
- IV. MINUTES
 - a. January 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - i. *KA moves to approve, JK seconds at 5:42pm*
- V. MEMBER REAPPOINTMENTS
 - a. Sonny Gohrman was reappointed to Dist. 2. April 16, 2024 – April 16, 2028
 - b. Jason Kleinhuisen was reappointed to Dist. 5. April 16, 2024 – April 16, 2028
- VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS
 - a. Coordinator Report
 - i. *See attached*
 - ii. *Additional discussion included:*
 1. *Whether we may be able to have a 3 member board – will look for more information and discuss at a later meeting.*

Chair: Sonny Gohrman (2)

Board Members:

- Kevin Anderson (1)
- Jason Kleinhuisen (5)
- District 3 Vacant
- District 4 Vacant

Extension Agent: Don McMoran

Coordinator: Madelyn Loy

Guests: Evan Emrick

2. Crews, WCC availability.
3. Weed Free Gravel – will look for more information and discuss at a later meeting.
4. The potential for drones, especially near the mouth of the S. fork Skagit River.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- i. N/A

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- i. NA

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- i. KA moves to adjourn, JK seconds – SG calls meeting to close at 6:26pm.



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Coordinator's report

April 18, 2024

General

- **Hired three (3) seasonal Noxious Weed Aides**
 - Elyssa Lilleskare (returning)
 - Allison Murray
 - Holden Lang
- **Switching to 4/10 schedule week of April 29th**

LMDs

- Completed annual meetings
- RFPs out now (close April 22)
- LMD 4 reformation pending

Enforcements/Notifications

- 26 grant announcement letters sent in potential GM areas

- 1 new GM letter
- Surveying for PH – Only 1 follow-up letter sent so far. 2 phone calls.

Landowner Consultations

- **Email:** 4
- **Phone:** 5
- **Site visits:** 1

Equipment Loans

- **Weed Wrench:** 5



Education and Outreach

- **Country Living Expo** (1/27)
- **Riparian Conference** (1/23)
- **SkAGit Summit** (2/9)
- **WWU CENV Career and Internship Fair** (2/15)
- **Invasive Species Awareness Week** (2/26-3/3)
- **SCC PW Standalone** (2/27)
- **SICBA Home and Garden Show** (3/22—24)
- **Edgewater Garden Club** (3/28)
- **West View Elementary** (4/9)
- **WCC Workshop** (4/11)
- **Seed Packets** – WSNWCB will be purchasing pollinator seed packets again this year!



Training

- **Coordinator Conference**
- **MRSC PRA Webinar**
- Evan attended **Invasive Species Control with DOI Webinar**
- Evan attended **Quagga Mussel Webinar**
- Evan attended **International Invasive Species and Climate Change Webinar**
- Evan attended **NAISMA EDDMapS Webinar**
- Evan attended **NAISMA Field Mapping Tools Webinar**

Cooperative Projects/ Treatments

- **CWMA (Upper Skagit Knotweed Working Group) Meeting** (1/30) – Shared 2023 progress reports and discussed 2024 work plans. Also heard presentations from Danial Zimmerman on utilizing drones for noxious weed control in Skagit Bay and Jennifer Andreas on knotweed psyllid.
- **ROW garlic mustard** – Worked with Roads to spray GM on SSkagit Hwy.
- **SWP Italian arum** – Worked with Stormwater Program to control patch of Italian arum in stormwater pond.
- **PSE/USFS Botanical Teamlet** – Met with PSE and USFS to share data, progress and BMPs for noxious weeds in Baker Lake Complex.
- **LMDs Clallum/WDFW** – Communicating with other Noxious Weed Coordinators who work with LMDs to share strategies and information going into potential reauthorizations.
- **Biocontrol site** – Working with Parks and Jenn Andreas to assess a potential knotweed psyllid site in Skagit County.
- **INaturalist Project** – Working with Charles Coslor at WSU Ext. to better utilize citizen science data.

Budget

July 2023-June2025			July 2023-June2025			2024		
Spartina			Knotweed			General		
Total	Spent	Remaining	Total	Spent	Remaining	Total	Spent	Remaining
\$75,000	\$31,355.43	\$43,644.57	\$40,000	\$23,872.78	\$16,127.22	\$189,242	\$54,366.73	\$134,875.27

*requested an additional \$10,000 for knotweed