



Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Minutes

Published Meeting
April 19th 2018, 6:00pm
Skagit County Noxious Weed Board
Board of Commissioners Hearing Room
1800 Continental Place
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
Brian Waltner Calls to order at 6:07pm
- II. ROLL CALL
 1. Jim Carstens
 2. Victor Jensen
 3. Brian Waltner
 4. Dan Berentson
 5. Joseph Shea
- III. AGENDA
 - a. Approval of April 19th 2018 meeting agenda
Joseph Shea Small Changes to removing public hearing, changing 2017 to 2018 dates and removed Jim Hinton from Chair.
Vote: Victor Jensen moved to approve the agenda as amended.
Brian Waltner seconds.
Call to a vote: 3: Aye 0: Nay
Motion Passes
- IV. MINUTES
 - a. Approval of January 18th 2018 meeting minutes
Vote: Jim Carstens moves to approve the minutes
Victor Jensen seconds
Call to a vote: 3: Aye 0: Nay
- V. GUEST COMMENTS
- VI. CONTINUED BUSINESS
 - a. Skagit County Noxious Weed Board Policies and Procedures doc. (County Code 6.56)
Joseph Shea: SCC 6.56 was presented to the Skagit county commissioners and approved as our code. Districts were updated and same responsibilities exist. Also applications for appointments have changed slightly.
Victor Jensen: So this is what we needed to be established and to be functioning?

Chair

- Brian Waltner

Secretary

- Jim Carstens

Board members:

- Victor Jensen

Extension representative:

- Don McMoran
(WSU) Agriculture &
Natural Resources
Extension Faculty
County Extension
Director

Coordinator:

- Joseph Shea
(Skagit County)

Guests:

- Dan Berentson
(Skagit County)
Director of Public
Works

Joseph Shea: This outlines the coordinator, director and board member responsibilities.

Jim Carsten's: I believe this is a good direction and was needed for documentation and delineations of responsibilities.

Joseph Shea: Commissioners were happy with the results they are seeing more of our program and understand how we operate.

Dan Berentson: We want to be more diligent on board member positions expiration of terms. We were concerned about the employee and we needed to have a structure to provide protection for the employee since they need to be working through our HR process. Keeping up with other boards and being interactive with the noxious weed community is important. We would like to send a letter to Jim Hinton. Jim had been a part of the board for many years and we would like to acknowledge his efforts and dedication to the board.

b. Noxious Weed Coordinator Report

****See attached document****

Joseph Shea: Buying seed packets with Snohomish County. Very helpful with landowner interaction and after application seeding. It is also nice for educational events. State is not funding anymore so Snohomish County and King County pitching in for more seeds. 1000 seed packets for 300\$ 2000 to fill? Jim Carsten's. All season variety.

Jim Carsten's: Is the control of knotweed going to be a big issue with the bee industry in the future.

Joseph Shea: well it already is in a lot of ways. We try to mitigate and minimize our exposure rates to pollinators. We should look into revegetation more and speed up the process of revegetation.

Jim Carsten's: moves to purchase 2000 seeds

Victor Jensen: seconds

Call to Vote: 3: Aye 0: Nay

Jim Carsten's: What is your approach for knotweed?

Joseph Shea: We spray about a 1.5% mixture of Imazapyr with surfactant and apply foliar. We also do stem injections for sensitive small populations. The chemical output is also more with stem injections.

c. Filling vacant/expired positions

Joseph Shea: Sonny Gohrman is interested. He worked with the Snohomish County and works with WSDA for Spartina program and was a coordinator for years. Very knowledgeable and has been working the Spartina issue since the beginning. He is asking his supervisor to see if there is no conflict of interest. He drives all of our equipment for the Spartina program. Leslie said she was going to apply and email the application but we have yet to receive that application.

Jim Carstens: Cindy Overnale or Jason that would be good candidates.

Joseph Shea: Karen Dubois and Bronlea have been posting on all media outlets to get the word about board positions out there.

Jim Carstens: What types of contributions are we receiving from our local tribes?

Joseph Shea: right now much of our contributions from our local tribes has been in-kind contributions of work. We partner with many of the tribes through our CWMA and the Swinomish with our Spartina program.

Jim Carsten's: didn't we receive a grant from the Samish? Do we have any communication to try and get that going again?

Joseph Shea: Todd Woodward has voiced support for programs in the Samish River and would write a letter. But currently there are not any grants that I am aware of for partnerships.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Equipment Purchasing (Up-Rooter, EZ-Ject, Brush Cutter x2)

We have purchased two UP-rooters, one EZ-Ject lance and one Brush Cutter.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Board member and Coordinator required training (Open Public Meetings Act, Ethics in Public Service, Public Records Act, RCW 17.10, and WAC 16-750).

Training documents and links to an online training were provided during the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Victor Jensen: moves to adjourn

Jim Carstens: Seconds

Call to a vote: 3:Aye 0:Nay

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm