

Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board

Minutes of the January 9, 2019 meeting

Call to Order: In the absence of the Chair, Patricia Grover, Coordinator for the MCNWCB, called the meeting to order at 10:11 am in Mason County Building 1, 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, Washington. Those present, in addition to Pat, were Board members Myrn Stewart and Tamara Cowles, Spencer Lake community member, Herb Larson, and Noxious Weed Control assistant, Heidi Steinbach. Board member and Chair, Dave Robbins, arrived at the meeting at 10:15 am.

Selection of 2019 Chair: Robbins/Cowles moved and seconded to name Myrn Stewart as the MCNWCB Chair for 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July 2018 Minutes: Robbins/Cowles moved and seconded to approve the July 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Introductions: Each attendee provided some background information and the districts that they represent.

Coordinator's Report: Pat provided the Coordinator's report, incorporated by reference.

- Tamara asked about how to document treatments on Olympic National Forest land. Pat will send Tamara an electronic copy of the Forest Service FACTS Form.
- Dave asked about possible implications of the Johnson vs Monsanto Court case. Pat and Tamara reviewed the discussion that took place at the Olympic Invasives Working Group meeting regarding this topic.
- Myrn asked about the Title II Secure Rural Schools Project Proposals. Pat explained that proposals are due January 31. Funding of \$42,427.75 is available for projects in Mason County.

2019 Budget: Review of 2018 year end budget. Approximately \$12,000.00 unexpended due to lack of seasonal help. The 2019 budget will look very similar with some minor changes.

- Funding for the Spencer Lake Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan has ended.
- \$1,000 of WSDA knotweed money carried over and RFP for new funds due in early spring.
- Undetermined amount of Forest Service carry over funding and possible new funding.

Meeting Schedule for 2019: 2019 calendar with proposed meeting dates identified was provided. Cowles/Robbins moved and seconded to accept the 2019 meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Meetings will be held on February 13, April 10, July 10 and October 09.

Pat will contact the Shelton-Mason County Journal for legal publication of schedule and notice of public hearing to adopt the 2019 Mason County Noxious Weed list.

Proposed 2019 Mason County Noxious Weed List: Proposed 2019 Weed List incorporated by reference. Pat explained that there are few changes to this year's list. Changes include designations for five species, Eurasian watermilfoil, grass-leaved arrowhead, diffuse knapweed and purple loosestrife. In addition, 5 scientific name changes were adopted by the State Weed Board.

Discussion regarding the process of responding to required control noxious weed complaints followed.

Open Public Meeting Act: Per RCW 42.30 Open Public Meetings Act, all board members must complete training on the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act. A video prepared by the Washington State Attorney General and found at <https://youtu.be/9yTtVGTOW1A> was viewed. Certificates of Training were provided.

Other Business: Dave inquired about Board members term expirations. Pat will research and provide Board members with that information.

Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

*Draft prepared by Heidi Steinbach & Patricia Grover, 02/07/2019
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