

Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board Minutes of the October 9th, 2019 meeting

Call to order: Myrn Stewart, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in Mason County Building 1, 411 N 5th Street, Shelton, WA. Others present included Board members Barry Fischer and Tamara Cowles (via telephone); ex-officio member, Dan Teuteberg; coordinator Patricia Grover; and assistant Heidi Steinbach.

Minutes: Minutes from meetings in April and July were reviewed and adopted. Myrn requested that add'l detail from previous discussion about the cost efficiency and mowing of Scotch broom control be added. With this addition, the minutes were approved as written.

Coordinator's Update: The coordinator's update is incorporated by reference.

- Group discusses knotweed control work that has taken place this season on Coulter Creek, Stimson Creek, Sherwood-Anderson Creek, Mission Creek, and Finch Creek.
- MCNWCB has initiated knotweed control work on many new properties in Union, Washington. MCNWCB has advised new property owners on knotweed control options.
- Grover and Stewart discuss the increase in Mason County residents contacting MCNWCB for noxious weed control assistance.

Current 2019 Budget Report: Current budget report is incorporated by reference. Expenditures are on track for the year.

Dan added that he, Pat and Lisa DeWall had attended a BOCC meeting to answer questions and provide support for the 2020 budget request.

WSNWCB Proposed Changes for 2020 Weed List: The state weed board has proposed the following changes to the 2020 Washington State noxious weed list which will affect the Mason County 2020 noxious weed list.

- Add South American spongeplant (*Limnobium laevigatum*) as a Class A noxious weed. Currently found in only one location in Pacific County.
- Several changes in Class B weed designations are proposed. The following will impact the 2020 Mason County list.
 - Designate lesser celandine, *Ficaria verna*, in all counties except for King and Whatcom counties.
 - Designate wand loosestrife, *Lythrum virgatum*, in Mason, Pierce, and Benton counties.

The Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board will have a public hearing to consider these changes on Nov. 6, 2019 in Wenatchee.

MCNWCB 2020 Meeting: Group reviews 2020 calendar and sets dates/times for MCNWCB meetings. After discussion, Cowles proposes changing meeting time to 9:00 am, to be held on the second Wednesday in January (January 8), February (February 12), April (April 8), July (July 8) and October (October 14). Fischer seconds and the proposal is approved.

If the February public meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, a backup meeting is proposed for February 26. Fischer moves, Cowles seconds and proposal is approved.

Dan adds that the proposed 2021 budget will be presented to the Board at the July 08 meeting.

Other Business:

- Cowles asks about the fragrant waterlily infestation at Cranberry Lake and whether there is currently treatment taking place. Grover has not been contacted regarding treatment and will inquire.
- 2019 Giant hogweed report is incorporated by reference and reviewed by the group.

Adjourn: There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

*Submitted by Heidi Steinbach & Patricia Grover 01/08/2020
Approved 02/12/2020*