

## **Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board Minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting**

**Call to order:** Tamara Cowles, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Others present included Board members Bill Bezanson, Dave Robbins (via phone), ex-officio Dan Teuteberg and Coordinator Patricia Grover.

**Introductions followed:** Welcome Mr. Bezanson. Mr. Bezanson is from the Agate area and will represent Mason County Weed District 2 on the Board.

**Selection of 2022 Board Chair and Vice Chair:** Cowles/Bezanson moved and seconded to name Cowles as the 2022 Chair of the Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board and Stewart as the Vice-Chair. Motion unanimously adopted.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Bezanson/Robbins moved and seconded to approve the minutes. Approved and accepted as written.

**Review of meeting schedule for 2022:** The coordinator will submit a Public Notice in the paper of record announcing the Public Hearing for adoption of the 2022 Mason County Noxious Weed list. Meeting dates are also published at this time. The Board was asked to confirm the 2022 meeting dates of February 09, April 13, July 13, and October 13 and to consider confirming the date for the first meeting of 2023. The additional date proposed would be January 11, 2023. Bezanson/Cowles moved and seconded to add January 11, 2023 to the previously approved meeting schedule. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

In addition, Cathy Lucero, the Clallam County Coordinator announced her retirement in a meeting yesterday. Pat participated in a virtual meeting with Cameron Archie, Landscape Architect with the WSDOT. Changes in personnel will affect who we work with locally on noxious weed issues within WSDOT's rights-of-way.

**2022 Budget:** Packet includes the final budget for 2021. Approximately \$13,000 was unallocated primarily due to additional funding and an inability to hire staff.

Pat shared an excerpt from the 2022 Mason County budget to the Board. Expenses and revenues for the Noxious Weed Control program were shown. By next meeting the 2022 budget spreadsheet should be prepared.

**Proposed 2022 Mason County Noxious Weed List:** Based on the Washington State NWCB proposed changes detailed at our October meeting, all proposals were adopted by the Washington State Noxious Weed list at their meeting in November. Pat included a Q & A document regarding the process for adopting a county weed list in the meeting packet. The Board reviewed information from the October meeting. The primary purpose of the January meeting is to provide the results of the State Noxious Weed Control Board's meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the status of Scotch broom in the County and the State.

The iNaturalist app has become a great tool for furthering documentation of noxious weeds. Pat encouraged the use of iNaturalist when invasives are encountered anywhere in the State.

Dave left the meeting at 0940.

**Other Business:** Personnel issues, phones, WSDA has provided paid cell service for the past 5 years, but no longer can provide that service. They have provided iphones. These are necessary for photos, iForm, and SAFETY.

Meeting was adjourned at 0944.

*Submitted by Patricia Grover 02/07/2022*

*Approved by MCNWCB 02/09/2022*