

Mason County Noxious Weed Control Board Minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting

Call to order: Myrn Stewart, Vice-chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Others present include Board members Bill Bezanson and Coordinator Patricia Grover.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 09, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Bezanson/Stewart moved and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Questions followed: Three E's (Educate, Encourage, Empower), we have been doing that. We have heard back from several property owners and they have become partners in our noxious weed control efforts.

Events: Signs are up for the Matlock Old Timers' Fair. Possibility for locating with Satsop Nursery. Matlock organizers have not reached out.

Bill noted that the Senior Center has a Garden Club.

Preparing for season. Dakota will test for her license in mid-May.

2022 Budget: Utilized same format as prior years. Red ink on page 2 is due to change in vehicle use. The program bought the truck. Truck needed an oil change and went to Ford dealership. Invoice was for over \$500.00. Pat has requested an invoice for this work.

We will likely do a budget revision for mid-summer. Potential cost increases due to:

- Change in the structure of billing for vehicle use
- Change in coordinator position and increased costs
- Cell phones

Work Plan Discussion: Pat provided a matrix of program priorities to be completed by the Board.

- Fulfilling deliverables of grant funding is a Number 1 priority.
- Examples of other priorities:
 - Cost share programs
 - Assisting property owners
 - Disposal costs
 - Enforcement
 - Public education, i.e. events, site visits

How would the Board like to prioritize allocation of time and resources?

Myrn proposed that a special meeting be held to devote to this subject. Stewart/Bezanson moved and seconded to schedule a special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Since Tamara is a working member, Pat would like to structure scheduling of the meeting around her availability.

Update re: Coordinator position: The current position description and associated pay range for the Mason County Coordinator position was provided to the Board. A spreadsheet providing comparative info from other counties was provided.

Plant of the Month: Lesser celandine, a class B-designate.

Other Business: None

Meeting was adjourned at 0944.

Submitted by Patricia Grover 07/13/2022

Approved by MCNWCB 07/13/2022