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San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Friday, January 4, 2019

08:36 AM CALL TO ORDER

Noxious Weed Board Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 08:36 AM.

Present: Board Members Bruce Gregory (Chair), Bill Agosta (Vice-Chair), Bill Rupp (Secretary, on phone), Joyce Nigretto, Todd Goldsmith (on phone), Brook Brouwer (WSU Extension Director, ex-officio), and staff members Jason Ontjes and Shawn Beach.

1. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2018.
MOVED by Bill Agosta, seconded by Joyce, to approve the Noxious Weed Board meeting minutes of Friday, December 7, 2018 as written with no changes. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED. Staff will send an electronic copy to Sue Kollet (County Council Administrative Specialist).

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM. Comments from the Public. No public attended.

2. Presentation and discussion of monthly report. Ontjes and Beach took questions from Board members about the December report.
3. Planning for 2019: stay the course? The Board discussed the preparations necessary to make a case to modify 18.60.090 (3) of the county code, which prohibits the use of herbicides, pesticides or other chemicals for weed control within county road rights-of-way. Staff will spend an allotted amount of time each week on supporting documents, most of which will be based on papers from Clallam County. At a future date, members of the Terrestrial Managers Group will be consulted.

4. OPALCO work update. Staff completed Scot's broom control work on the Willis property and has an estimated four more hours before finishing off the Obstruction Pass Road substation area. More work is planned for Lopez (Center Road) and Orcas (Deer Point Rd.).
5. State Parks 2018-2019 contract update. The draft State Parks contract (IA 719-277) has received all necessary signatures from San Juan County and will be sent back to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday, January 7 for final approval.
6. County-wide noxious weed planning. See Agenda Item 3.
7. 2019 Tax Insert and 2019 Noxious Weed List: Board recommendations for topic and cover photos. The Board recommended photographs for the 2019 San Juan County Noxious Weed List, and selected a topic (Italian arum) for the annual property tax insert, which will be published by Master's Touch, LLC.
8. Budget status. The Weed Program has spent 96.68 % of the 2018 budget as of January 2 (2019), according to the Expenditure Status Report provided by Kris Bayas, Office Manager.
9. Other Business. Brook recommended advertising for the 'seasonal hire' position no later than the end of March, if the expected start date were late May of 2019. A job description should be done by early March, he said.

Scheduled public outreach events for February include the 2019 Ag Summit (Feb. 3) and Master Gardeners training (Feb. 5), both in Friday Harbor.
10. Adjournment. Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM.
11. The Board's next meeting is on Friday, February 1, 2019.