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San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Friday, February 1, 2019

08:41 AM CALL TO ORDER

Noxious Weed Board Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 08:41 AM.

Present: Board Members Bruce Gregory (Chair), Bill Agosta (Vice-Chair), Bill Rupp (Secretary, on phone), Joyce Nigretto, Todd Goldsmith (on phone), and Brook Brouwer (WSU Extension Director, ex-officio); a member of the public, Mr. James Frampton; and staff member Jason Ontjes.

1. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2019.
MOVED by Bill Agosta, seconded by Bruce, to approve the Noxious Weed Board meeting minutes of Friday, January 4, 2019 as written with no changes. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED. Staff will send an electronic copy to Sue Kollet (County Council Administrative Specialist).

2. Presentation and discussion of monthly report. Jason took questions from Board members about the February report.

9:00 AM to 10 AM. Public hearing on the proposed 2019 San Juan County Noxious Weed List. Mr. Frampton made comments but did not suggest changes to the draft 2019 San Juan County Noxious Weed List. No other members of the public were present.

3. Adoption of the 2019 SJC Noxious Weed List. Agosta moved to approve the 2019 San Juan County Noxious Weed List as written; Bruce seconded the motion. ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.

4. OPALCO work update. Staff recently finished Scot's broom control work at Deer Point Road on Orcas, cutting and pulling about 2,600 plants in a single day. Broom work will continue along Center Road on Lopez.
5. County-wide noxious weed planning update. Bruce and Jason are currently revising a document on integrated roadside weed management for San Juan County. The document, which originated from Clallam County's Cathy Lucero, is being modified to reflect San Juan County conditions.
6. Budget status. The Weed Program has spent 5.73 % of the 2019 budget as of January 29, according to the Expenditure Status Report provided by Kris Bayas, Office Manager. Todd raised questions about the carryover of unspent funds from 2018. The County will advertise a seasonal Noxious Weed Program position by the end of March, according to Jason. Todd requested a draft job description for Board review on March 1st. Jason discontinued the Program's mobile "hotspot" subscription with Information Services due to poor network connectivity in the field.
7. Other business. Board members expressed their willingness to take an online refresher training on the Open Public Meetings Act if it should be necessary. Jason received a number of suggestions from the Board on how to improve the format and content of a draft letter of notification to property owners with spurge laurel, a toxic noxious weed. Bill Agosta moved (and Bruce seconded) to modify the Program's letterhead to exclude the names and addresses of the Board members in order to preserve the Board's impartiality in the event of an enforcement dispute.
ALL AYES; MOTION CARRIED.
8. Adjournment. Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 11:01 AM.

The Board's next meeting is on Friday, March 1, 2019.