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

08:35 AM CALL TO ORDER

Noxious Weed Board Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 08:35 AM.

Present: Board Members Bruce Gregory (Chair), Bill Agosta (Vice-Chair), Todd Goldsmith (on phone), and Brook Brouwer (WSU Extension Director, ex-officio); Council member, Bill Watson (liaison); and staff member, Jason Ontjes.

1. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of February 1, 2019.
MOVED by Bill Agosta, seconded by Todd, to approve the Noxious Weed Board meeting minutes of Friday, February 1, 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 9:15 AM. Public comment time for visitors. No members of the public were present.

3. Discussion of the noxious weed disposal budget with Bill Watson. The Board expressed its wish for Public Works to expand funding for the noxious weed disposal program. Mr. Watson said that he would consult with the appropriate PW staff members (Kendra Smith & Mark Herrenkohl).
4. WSU Extension/Noxious Weed Board/County relationship. Brook described his multiple roles as the Extension Director for the County (and a WSU employee) while serving as a county department head and supervisor

to county employees—the staff of the Noxious Weed Board. Given WSU’s non-regulatory role, all enforcement-related activities fall under the oversight of the SJC Noxious Weed Board, which also decides basic personnel decisions such as hiring and firing of its staff (Coordinator and Field Specialist). Bill Watson said it falls on Brook to follow the county’s Human Resources rules on employment: a “matrix management situation”.

5. County-wide noxious weed planning update. Jason believes he can complete a draft integrated roadside weed management document by the end of March. The Board debated about whether it was ready to share information with a larger audience, with Todd suggesting that the document be “very mature” before presenting it.
6. Seasonal hire job description review and approval. The Board approved the draft job description for the “Seasonal Field Technician” position, which will be posted by HR by the end of March, Jason said.
7. Budget status. The Weed Program has spent 10.29 % of the 2019 budget as of January 29, according to the Expenditure Status Report provided by Kris Bayas, Office Manager. Bill Watson asked whether the Noxious Weed Board would be willing to allocate some funding for noxious weed disposal, which the Board declined at this time.
8. Other business. The Board discussed no other business.
9. Adjournment. Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

The Board’s next meeting is on Friday, April 5, 2019.