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San Juan County Noxious Weed Control Board
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
Friday, April 5, 2019

08:35 AM CALL TO ORDER

Noxious Weed Board Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 08:37 AM.

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

1. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2019. MOVED by Bill Agosta, seconded by Bruce, to approve the Noxious Weed Board meeting minutes of Friday, March 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 and Shawn took questions from Board members about the March report.

9:00 AM to 9:15 AM. Public comment time for visitors. No members of the public were present.

3. OPALCO ROW Update. Shawn has been working under power lines along Roche Harbor Road on San Juan, clearing Scot's broom and spurge laurel.

4. Roadside Weed Management Plan draft document. The Board members discussed volunteer data collection of roadside weed populations; the possibility of voluntary weed-free certification for businesses who supply topsoil, etc.; and public notice signage for herbicide use. Staff and the Board will continue to make refinements to the document.

5. Seasonal Technician application review. SJC Human Resources has received two applications so far for the seasonal field technician position, which will start sometime in the latter part of May. Qualified applicants will be interviewed by the Board on May 3rd.
6. 2020 Weed List. No proposed changes were recommended by staff or Board members for the 2020 Noxious Weed List, which must be submitted to the Washington State Noxious Weed Board by April 30 in order to be considered.
7. Budget status. The Weed Program has spent 16.83 % of the 2019 budget as of April 1, according to the Expenditure Status Report provided by Kris Bayas, Office Manager. Jason pointed out that some expenditures had not yet been recorded, so the actual spending was somewhat higher than indicated on the report. The IT bill received particular scrutiny.
8. Other business. Shawn reported that his L & I claim had been closed, although he had not received compensation for worktime lost during his recovery. Brook plans to renew his pesticide license certification with WSDA this spring in Everett.
9. Adjournment. Chair Gregory adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

The Board's next meeting is on Friday, May 3, 2019.