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

08:40 AM CALL TO ORDER

Noxious Weed Board Chair Gregory called the meeting to order at 08:40 AM.

Present: Board Members Bruce Gregory (Chair), Bill Agosta (Vice-Chair), Joyce Nigretto, Todd Goldsmith (on phone until 8:55 AM), Brook Brouwer (WSU Extension Director, ex-officio), Bill Watson (SJC Council District 1) and staff members Jason Ontjes and Caroline Wiltz.

1. Review and approval of minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2019. MOVED by Bill Agosta, seconded by Bruce, to approve the Noxious Weed Board meeting minutes of Friday, June 7, 2019 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. Public comment time for visitors. No visitors attended.

2. Presentation and discussion of monthly report. Jason took questions from Board members about the June report.
3. State Parks update. Noxious Weed Board staff controlled thistle in Spencer Spit State Park recently, and will continue the same at Moran State Park within the next week or so. The contract with State Parks needs to be renewed this summer (expires on July 31).
4. OPALCO update. A bill of \$2300 was recently submitted to Orcas Power and Light Cooperative (OPALCO) for noxious weed control work performed by Weed Board staff since December, 2018, mostly for Scot's broom removal along utility corridors. The working relationship between both parties continues to be satisfactory, according to Jason.

5. Youth Conservation Corps summary. Weed Board staff wrapped up its field projects with Lopez, San Juan and Orcas Youth Conservation Corps members on July 2nd, with perhaps one more outing planned for Patos Island in August. Overall, this year's experience was largely positive, according to Jason and Caroline. Bill Watson said that the new vanity license plates for San Juan County, which are expected to be available by October, are intended, in part, to provide funding for future YCC programming.
6. Noxious weed disposal program. Jason reported that Kendra Smith, Public Works' Environmental Resources Manager, had requested a "cost share" with the Noxious Weed Board for the noxious weed disposal program, which had been managed by former Solid Waste Program Administrator, Mark Herrenkohl, until his recent departure. Bill Watson and staff will plan a meeting with Kendra to discuss the disposal program's future.
7. Budget status. The Weed Program has spent 39.36 % of the 2019 budget as of July 1, according to the Expenditure Status Report provided by Brook. Bill Watson said that departmental budgets for the 2020-2021 biennium will either be "status quo" or a "flat dollar" budget, the latter requiring prioritization of spending requests in order to stay within each department's revenue stream.
8. Other business. Jason will speak to Adrienne Bourne of San Juan County Parks, Recreation and Fair about the Noxious Weed Program's vendor location at the 2019 County Fair, which was still uncertain up until July 5th.
9. Adjournment. Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM, seconded by Bruce. Chairman Gregory declared the meeting's end.

The Board's next meeting is on Friday, September 6, 2019.