

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board

September 27, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Present: Jane Wentworth, Joyce Komac, John Collins, Joanne Weber, Wendy McClure, Dana Coggon, Scott Hall

I. Introductions & Public Comments

Mr. Hall came to update the board on the happenings out at the Schold Farm property. He thanked the board for the letter that was sent to the Department of Community Development and also to the Board of County Commissioners. He also informed the Weed Board that he now had "county standing". He recently purchased a cow that he will be housing on the Peterson property. He also noted that they (the Halls) recently received information from the state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (**IAC**) about the initial purpose of the property. He stated that it was originally purchased as a park and therefore cannot be used as a "mitigation bank" but should be used as a passive recreation area.

Mr. Hall also presented a picture of a cow that had ingested *Hypiricum perforatum* (St. John's wort). Scott noted that we should really be telling people in the county about how bad this plant is and let citizens know that it is toxic to cattle. Schott stated that there appears to be a large infestation of this plant in the Black Jack Valley off Lider Rd. (The images of a cow with missing hair and bright red skin has been submitted to the board meeting master copy packet.)

II. Approval of August minutes

John motioned to approve the August minutes Joanne seconded. The August minutes were approved

III. Announcements & Board Comments

Joanne noted that on Saturday Oct 1st she was going to be meeting Commissioner Lent at the Anderson Landing property to discuss knotweed and blackberry issues.

John stated that Kathleen Robbers, with the SURF Board (Salmon Recovery Funding Board), had stated that they had purchased some property on Chico creek. Discussion arose about what they were going to do with the property and how we could help. It was noted that we should add them to our list of entities to receive a letter about the weed board program. John stated that we could offer our help by offering to provide IPM strategies for weed control in restoration areas.

IV. WSU Extension Report

Dana provided a report on a day trip that she and Peg took to 8 of the plant nurseries in the county. She and Peg provided the nurseries with information about the weed control program and about going "weed free." WSU provided materials on the m Master Gardener Program. Dana said that all of the nurseries they visited were welcoming but had questions about removing their butterfly bush stock.

Fair report from WSU: Wendy spent time in the extension tent with Arno and had provided a list of plants she received from a group that talked about planting some noxious weeds.

Joyce felt that the tent was too hard to find and that next year we should work on being more visible.

Board members who worked at the booth said they enjoyed the interactions with the kids and that in order for the kids to get the stamp for the passport they had to ask about a weed.

Dana is going to look into putting up the display in county community centers. Dana was directed to look into putting up the display at libraries and city municipal buildings. Joanne noted that there was an event last year at the courthouse where county agencies put up displays about what they do for the community.

V. Anderson Landing update

Two visits were made to the site during the month. Val with stream team noted that this could be a good site for restoration work. Dana would like to put together a 5-year management plan for the property. Dana feels that just putting plants in the site would not control the weeds but that there needs to be some herbicide control done.

VI. Illahee Forest Preserve information

Dana attended a preserve meeting and presented information on noxious weeds in the area. She will follow up with the group and do a hands-on training day to help train them to identify and control noxious weeds properly. They have used the time that Dana will spend on a grant application as in-kind contributions.

VII. Schold Farm update

The letter to DCD was sent on September 26th giving them 90 days to respond to the board about what they will do for control of the noxious weeds. Joyce told the board that the **DOT migration site will be maintained by her crew and that** when the mitigation is finished the area will have more trees and will be more "park like" and will provide good stream buffers.

VIII. Long Lake

Dana attended meetings with Representatives from CILL and Department of Ecology to work out how to get the grant moving forward. Dana also presented a Memorandum of Understanding that will need to go to the Board of County Commissioners. This MOU is the first step to getting the project started and there will be more paper work to come.

Jane noted that the MOU should come from the Noxious Weed Control Board rather than the noxious weed control program. Discussion followed about when Dana should use the phrase "board" vs. "program".

IX. Driftwood key discussion

Dana presented a letter she sent to the homeowners association of Driftwood Key. The letter brought up a discussion about weed designations and what the weed board would like their policy for contacting landowners. The board will look at county designations more in-depth at the November and December meetings.

Dana will get Toni to look up homeowners Associations for a future mass mailing of information on Kitsap Weeds.

X. Budget

Dana asked that the board move to remove 15,000 from the budget to pay for the purchase of the EcoSystem program. Wendy made the motion Jane seconded and the motion passed.

Dana will follow up with the board to give them more in-depth information on how Toni is paid and where we need to send the money.

XI. Cameron Snow weed video possibilities

Jane and Dana presented information about a possible video series that could be produced by Cameron. The board will look at the video and determine if this is something they would like to proceed on in the future. The question arose as to who the target audience would be and how we would disseminate the video. The board also discussed how useful the tool could be and how much of a priority it should be. The topic was tabled for further review during a more in-depth review and creation of the weed board's strategic plan.

XII. Program Coordinator Report

a. Field report (see Board Meeting packet)

XIII. Other Items

Board Terms:

Jane received an email from Jan Koske stating that Joanne and John's positions were in need of reappointment. Both expressed interest in being reappointed for 4 more years. Jane will follow up and ask Jan to make changes to the document she received and also ask what the reappointment process is. Jane asked Wendy if she had received her letter of appointment and Wendy Stated that she has not received it.

Letter to Norm Dicks

Jane asked that Dana make some changes and send the letter out whit the board signatures.

Up Coming meetings

October 18th at the A frame

November 15th Eagle's Nest

December meeting date to be determined in October

Wendy asked if the board had a vested interest in the CAO changes. Dana stated that many other counties had concerns with the CAOs limiting the weed control in areas left as habitat corridors. Dana will review the CAO and get back to the board about the possible impacts.

There was mention of the DOT roadside surveys and if this has been done. Dana stated that she did not get a chance to do a formal survey on all of the state highways but that she will try to do some this month.

9:10 Meeting was adjourned