

KITSAP COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006
7-9 PM Poplars Room
Silverdale Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Jane Wentworth, Joanne Weber, John Collins, Dana Coggon, and Toni Probert.

- I. There were no introductions or public comments.**
- II. Approval of the February 2006 minutes. John made a motion to approve the minutes, with Joanne seconded. The February 2006 minutes were approved.**

III. Announcements & Board Comments:

Joanne announced there was an Anderson Landing Preserve meeting held on March 29th, 2006 with Mark Mauran (Kitsap County Facilities, Parks, & Recreation Director) and Dave Peters (Kitsap County Public Works, Solid Waste). Plans for the clean-up of the lower area of Anderson Landing were discussed. Joanne noted that Dave stated the County would be looking at a plan that is being used by the Tri-County Organization (King/Snohomish/Pierce) for control of Knotweed. Jane asked the Board what its expectations are in regards to noxious weed removal at Anderson Landing. There was discussion about sending another letter to the County asking for their proposed plan for controlling the knotweed. The Board's consensus was to have Dana prepare another letter, with a timeline for response and include a copy of the first letter sent in 2005. If there is no response, then the Board will discuss what further action will be taken.

Joanne asked Dana what involvement she had in the Salmon Release Program held earlier in the month of March. Dana stated that one event involved 4th grade level students from Wolfe Elementary at Fish Park and 4th grade students from Sunnyslope Elementary at Jarstad Creek. The other event was at Clear Creek, in Silverdale, where students from Klahowya School planted trees and were educated about the impacts of invasive weeds. The Noxious Weed Control Program was also involved in Water Festival held at Olympic College for 4th grade students throughout the County. At all of these events, educational materials pertaining to how noxious weeds can and will impact salmon streams were provided. Joanne asked if these types of events are a good use of the coordinator's time. Both John and Jane expressed they thought it was worthwhile as long as it does not take too much time away from other public education and outreach the Noxious Weed Control Program is doing. As the coordinator's time becomes more involved in activities and events throughout the County, she may need to scale back on the youth events.

John asked who assesses the weed problem in parks within the city. Dana stated that she will check in with the city's public works department.

IV. WSU Extension Report: No report

V. Budget:

- a. **2005**, Dana stated the report shows the County did not collect as much from the assessment as was projected. This is due to the variances on acreage, and exempt properties including churches and school properties. Jane asked if Dana could prepare a report with what has "actually" been spent from the budget, possibly quarterly.

Questions came up about why the actual budget was 17,000 short of the projected budget. Dana noted that there were some senior citizens parcels that were exempt due to the property tax exemption that they receive. John stated he understood the ordinance for the \$1.00 assessment was for "all" property owners. He does not understand why some parcels are exempt. Jane stated she would contact Arno about how the ordinance was first set-up.

- b. **2006 projections:** Dana stated some line items will be different for 2006 due to some of the "start up" expenses for 2005(i.e. Ekosystems). It was noted that some additional minimal revenue will be generated from fees for the 2006 Weed Advisor Classes.

VI. Annual Report:

Dana presented a draft copy of the first annual report for the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program to the Board members. Dana asked the Board to review the report and email any corrections or comments to her by April 7th. Jane stated maybe the 2006 goals should be listed at the end of the report. Dana said she would formally present the report to the Kitsap County Commissioners, hopefully in April. John asked if we should include the 2005 budget in the report. Jane replied that the public could obtain a copy from the Noxious Weed Control Program office.

VII. Coordinator's Report:

Events:Work Crew-Dana worked 2 days at Illahee Preserve with the Kitsap County Juvenile Youth crew pulling English Ivy.

Water Festival & Salmon Release Days- Report in Announcements

Bainbridge Island Home & Garden Show-Dana spent a ½ day during that time there were between 50-70 people through the Noxious Weed Booth. Dana supplied educational bookmarks, the Weed Warriors provided the rest of the educational materials. Next year, Dana will just set up the booth and the Weed Warriors will work the booth.

Presentations:

Master Gardener Class-Dana did a 4-hour class.

SWWM- Dana gave a presentation to about 50 employees about weed ID and control

Indianola- Dana attended the Indianola Ivy Out. Wendy McClure attended. There were about 20 people in attendance.

Coordinators Conference:

Dana stated the conference went well. It was a good opportunity to collaborate with other County Coordinators. There was discussion of collaboration on mapping systems and data keeping amongst the counties. There is a new state Knotweed Coordinator. The Spokane County Coordinator asked to use Kitsap County's Least Wanted Poster. The Board agreed to let other counties use our poster as long as our County logo is on the poster.

Parks & Recreation Director Meeting-Dana met with Mark Mauran; Director of Parks, Facilities, & Recreation.

This was a "get acquainted" meeting and to discuss future working relationships between our departments. She discussed putting noxious weed posters and Bag-a-Bully Program in the County park's kiosks.

Ekosystems-Dana met with Tracy <last name>; Ekosystems to input the data from the weed surveys. Dana

recommended the Board log on to the website for Ekosystem for viewing the data.

VIII. Site Updates:

Long Lake-The Citizen's for Long Lake were holding a public meeting on Thursday, March 30th to discuss the permit process. The CILL received \$200,000.00 more towards the lake clean up.

Schold Farm-Dana asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with noxious weeds on the Schold Property. John stated a second letter should be sent to Kitsap County Department of Community Development referring again to the Canada Thistle, with a 30-day timeline to receive a written response. If no response is received, Jane stated we might need to look into issuing a Notice of Violation. Dana has visited the property recently and said it is time to get started with treatment of the noxious weeds. John asked if the County has a spray contractor. Dana stated that she knew that people within at least one county agency were licensed applicators.

The Cavalry Church, adjacent to the County property spoke with Dana about concerns they have with the weeds transferring to church property. The church would like to spray their thistles and do not want to be re-infested with uncontrolled plants from the County.

IX. Other Items:

Dana stated it is time for her annual review. Dana asked if the Board members would email Arno comments about Dana's past year's performance, by 4/18/2006.

Dana reminded Board members to contact her about surveying the Board member's district sometime in April or May. Joanne has made her appointment with Dana.

Dana stated there are numerous Earth Day events that she would be representing the Weed Board at on April 22nd.

Dana asked if the Board was interested in having monogrammed shirts. Jane asked Dana to research prices and report back at the next meeting. <I thought I said I didn't really want to spend money on shirts, Joanne expressed an interest>

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, April 20th, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. Jane and John will not be able to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Toni Probert, Program Assistant

