

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board
September 21st. 2006
7-9:00 P.M. Poplars Room
Silverdale Community Center

Board Members attending:

Joyce Komac, John Collins, Jane Wentworth, Joanne Weber, and Arno Bergstrom

Staff Members Attending:

Dana Coggon, Toni Probert,

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

Dana provided the Board with a revised agenda. Joyce motioned to accept the revised agenda, John 2nd, the Board approved the amended agenda.

I. There were no introductions.

II. Approval of Past Minutes: The minutes from July 20th, 2006 were approved.

III. Announcements:

Arno Bergstrom (WSU Kitsap County Extension Director) stated the new location for Extension at the Kitsap County Fair was a great success.

Joyce announced Washington State Department of Transportation will be maintaining the mitigation site at the Schold Farm. DOT enlisted the Scott Hall, private citizen, to mow the property this year.

Joanne asked if the Board should re-report sites previously sent in, Dana indicated that would be helpful. Joanne then stated there was knotweed at the 19th Tavern on Chico Creek and Erland's Point again this year. Dana will do another site survey.

IV. Project Updates:

- a. Anderson Landing: Dana will be doing follow up treatments on the knotweed. Joanne asked if Dana has information posted at the site, Dana said yes. Dana stated that the Anderson Landing Stewardship may want to put up a poster also.
- b. Long Lake: Treatments have taken place. Dana has noted Purple loosestrife at the site being attacked by the *Galerucella* beetle. Toni and Joyce reported a good turn out for Long Lake Daze on Aug 19th 2006. Dana would like to send an informational handout on noxious weeds to lakeside landowners targeting loosestrife and fragrant water lily.
- c. Schold Farm: Dana received an email from Robbyn Meyers, Kitsap County Community Development, presenting the start of their management plan. See attached email. Dana will be working with Robbyn and the Juvenile Detention youth in 2007 to help manage the site.
- d. Indianola Ivy: Commissioner Chris Endresen has provided some funding for the ivy pull removal event. The Greater Peninsula Conservancy is taking the lead on this project. There will be a kick off event in October.
- e. Indianola Knotweed: Dana did a site survey along the shoreline where knotweed has been identified. 10 properties have been treated through coordinated efforts by Larson and Casteil. Dana would like to send Thank-you's from the Board to the 10 landowners that took care of the knotweed.

V. Program Coordinator Report:

See Attachment from July 20th, 2006 Board Meeting.

Highlights of the Report:

The City of Bainbridge Island's pesticide use policy has been amended. The City Council

has approved an "Exception to the Ordinance" for the use of pesticides to control Knotweed. Dana will send a Thank you to Debra Rudnick for all of her hard work on the knotweed campaign. Jane and Dana will be assisting the City Staff to put together a weed management plan for the Island.

Jane and Dana attended the first Invasive Species Conference in the Northwest Region.

Dana has been trying out a handheld tracking system from EKO-Systems. The advantage of this unit will be to collect data in the field, then download to information to EKO-System at the office.

VI. Program Considerations:

- a. Review of 2006 Goals-Goals were provided to the Board for review. Review and discussion will take place at the Oct. 18th Work Study Meeting.
- b. Budget: Arno and Dana discussed the current and future budget for the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Program. Arno and Dana will be at the October 31st, County budget review meeting. Arno recommended Board members review the future budget closely. At the current assessment the 2008 budget will run into the red. Jane asked Arno if it would be helpful and an appropriate time for the Board to send a letter to the County Commissioners, Chris Gears(Kitsap County Administrator) and Arley Bright (Kitsap County Administration) requesting an increase in the assessment for 2008. Jane will draft the letter and send to Board members for review. Finalization of the letter will take place at the Work Study Meeting in October.

Toni reported on the costs for a banner and a pair of magnetic signs for the Program. Joyce made a motion to order the banner and signs, John 2nd, and the motion was passed.

- c. Notices: Joanne attended the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners Comprehensive Plan-Public Hearing. She spoke to Lisa Nickel,(Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office) concerning the "Notice of Violation". Dana has sent numerous copies to Kevin Howell (Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office) for review and has received no response. . Joanne stated Lisa would take care of it, if Dana would email her the letters to be reviewed, the next day (Friday, September 22nd).

It was suggested the Board meet Thursday, Oct. 19th for a Study Session in order to allow for more time to discuss the agenda items in more detail. All agreed.

Topics for "Work Study Session":

1. Review of letter to Commissioners for assessment increase in 2008
2. Cost Share Discussion
3. Volunteer Funding Policy
4. Review of 2006 Goals
5. Knotweed Goals and other Weed Strategies
6. 2007 Kitsap County Noxious Weed List
7. Grants
8. Enforcement process

Board members and staff were asked to review the Rules and Regulations in preparation for the discussion about enforcements procedures.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Probert

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