

Kitsap County Noxious Weed Control Board
May 23rd, 2007
7:00-9:00 P.M. Coho Room
Silverdale Community Center

Board Members attending: Jane Wentworth, Joyce Komac, John Collins

Staff Members attending: Dana Coggon, Toni Probert

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

I. Introductions & Public Comments-N/A

II. Approval of March 2007 minutes: The minutes from March 2007 meeting were approved.

III. Announcements:

Dana announced her vacation time is scheduled for 6/28-7/4/2007 and 8/27-9/5/2007.

IV. Budget:

- a. State Grant: Dana has purchased an injection gun, herbicide container, injections needles, and herbicide for Giant hogweed treatment from the State Noxious Weed Grant.
- b. Long Lake funds: There was a treatment in April. 2 meetings scheduled with the Long Lake Citizens were cancelled in May. A phone conference with LLC is scheduled for May 30th. Long Lake Days is scheduled for August 4th. There will be a Noxious Weed booth at the event.
- c. Projections for 2008: Dana estimates the Noxious Weed Program will collect \$120,000.00 from the assessment to taxpayers.
- d. Follow up letter to/from Treasurer: Dana reported there will be no opportunity for an increase in the assessment in 2008. The Board recommended Dana try again to have the County recoup the \$3000.00 not collected in 2006.

V. Site Updates:

- a. Bainbridge Island "Knock out Knotweed": Brian Stahl-Kitsap County Conservation District, will be hiring Ritter Vegetation for treatment of knotweed along selected right-of-ways. Treatment will be offered to landowners along the right-of-ways. The treatment cost will be approximately \$75,000.00. The Knotweed group will have a line item for knotweed treatment in the City of Bainbridge Island 2008 budget.
- b. Indianola: The ivy pull project is at a standstill, since Chris Endresen announced she will be leaving her position as a Kitsap County Commissioner. Chris was instrumental in securing the funding for the dumpster for disposal of the ivy. The next scheduled Ivy Pull will be 7/7/2007.
- c. Long Lake: The alum treatment has been completed.
- d. Schold Farm: Dana reported, she and Jennifer Andreas did a bio-control release for the thistles on the property. Dana has the Juvenile Detection group scheduled to help with weed pulls on 6/9th & 6/11th, and in mid-August.
- e. Anderson Landing: Dana reported the knotweed is getting under control at the lower end of the park. The County has been treating.

VI. Coordinators Report:

Please see attached coordinators report.

Dana asked if specific Butterfly bush data needs to be reported to Board. John stated it was not necessary unless a large area is identified, which needs attention. Dana stated some of the larges areas are Windy Point and Ross Point, in Port Orchard. Dana also noted that there was large area of Policeman's helmet in Hansville that would need attention.

VII. Other Items:

-Joyce stated Department of Transportation has treated for knapweed and scotch broom along Highway 3. Also, bio-control releases were done in Poulsbo. Joyce thanked Dana for educational help she has given to the road crews. This has greatly increased the crew's ability to identify noxious weeds.

-Jane suggested the Board write a letter of support for removal of knotweed along the Hoh River. Jane will write the letter, then have the Board members sign.

-Dana asked if the Board members like the 8 X 11.5 Poster of the Kitsap Dirty Dozen. The Board was very receptive to it. Some Board members would like more copies. Dana will copy more and get them to the Board members.

-John stated he would like to see "Weed" articles in the local newspapers. He encouraged everyone to submit articles about events, weed articles, etc., to help educate the public about the Kitsap County Noxious Weed Program.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Toni Probert

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