

KITSAP COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2008
SILVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER-POPLAR ROOM
7-9:00 PM

Board Members present: Joyce Komac, Wendy McClure, and Joanne Weber

Staff Members: Dana Coggon and Toni Probert

Meeting was called to order by Wendy McClure-President at 7:03 PM

I. Introductions & Public Comment: None

II. Approval of January 2008 minutes:

Dana asked the Board to approve the minutes with Jane Wentworth's edits after she returns from her absence. Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes after edits were completed. Joanne 2nd the motion, with the Board approving.

III. Announcements & Board Comments:

Joanne stated she met with Kitsap County Commissioner, Josh Brown on February 22nd. She presented Josh with Noxious Weed materials compiled to show the research behind the assessment increase request. She stated, it was emphasized these materials were "working copies". Joanne also stated, the increased assessment dollar figure (\$5) she recommended to Josh, was strictly hers and does not reflect the Board as a whole.

Once the Board has finished editing the packet, a date will be set to formally present the assessment increase request to the Kitsap County Commissioners.

Wendy stated she had called the office of Commissioner Bauer and left a voice message.

Joyce had not had an opportunity to contact the Commissioner for her district.

Joanne announced the lower area of Anderson Landing has been cleared and gravel has been spread by the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement group. The path of the creek has changed dramatically due to the storms in December.

Joyce stated she was impressed with the public turn for the planning of a Lake Management District at Long Lake. Dana stated the turn out was good and the Long Lake Citizens will be moving forward with the formation of a Lake Management District. Dana stated approximately 40 property owners returned the requests for treatment of noxious weeds.

IV. Annual Report final review:

Dana distributed the Annual Report final draft to the Board members. The Board recommended a few more edits. Joanne made a motion to approve the 2008 Annual Reports, with the edits. Joyce 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

Action Item: Dana will have the final report completed by March 7th.

V. Budget:

a. Information Sheet: Dana distributed a draft copy of the information sheet for presentation to the County Commissioners to the Board for review. The Board suggested an additional paragraph

with the RCW, along with the noxious weed State mandated information. Various edits were recommended by the Board.

Action Item: Dana will make edit changes and email copy of Information Sheet to Board members by March 6th.

- b. **Set date for Board members to meet with commissioners:** Discussed in Agenda Item III.
- c. **Continuation of Assessment increase prep:** Dana stated the packet of materials to be presented to the Kitsap County Commissioners will include: 2007 Year End Report, Information Sheet, 2008 Noxious Weed Calendar, Kitsap County Dirty Dozen Flip Books, Proposed Goals for 2008, Budgets: 2008-2009 Budget shortfalls, copy of current 2008 Budget, comparison copies of Pierce and Thurston County's Budgets, copies of projected budgets for assessment increase values of \$2.00 and \$2.50 and projected 2009 Budget at a minimum of \$3.08 fee per parcel. These Budget figures are based on 90,000 parcels.

Dana requested the Board to make a decision on the dollar amount for the Noxious Weed Assessment increase. Joyce questioned whether \$5.00 per parcel was too much. Also, the Board will need to justify an increase.

The Board tabled a decision on the amount until the next Board meeting, when all members are present.

Dana reported after reviewing the contract with EKO Systems, the expiration date is the end of 2009 and there was no mention of a hand held GPS unit for the Noxious Weed Program.

VI. Weed pull locations and dates 2008

Joanne will volunteer on 5/31 (Anderson Landing), 6/14 (Old Mill Park), and 6/21 (Clear Creek-Schold Farm).

Wendy will volunteer on 3/22 (Indianola)

Joyce will check her calendar and get back to Dana with dates.

- VII. **2008 Goals:** Dana distributed the list of 2008 Goals for the Noxious Weed Control Program. After reviewing the goals, they were approved. Dana stated Jane had submitted a request to designate control of Scotch broom on Bainbridge Island. The Board discussed the suggestion and decided to support a baseline survey to determine the feasibility of designating Scotch broom on Bainbridge Island.

Action Item: Dana will report to Jane the Board's decision.

VIII. Other items:

Joyce announced the State Spraying Class will be held at the Silverdale Hotel on March 11th & 12th. She stated Dana was welcome to attend.

Dana announced the Peninsula Home & Garden Show has relocated our exhibitor booth to the mezzanine level of the Pavilion. There will be no need for volunteers to assist in the booth this year. Dana and Toni will set up, Dana will work Friday & Saturday, and Toni will work and tear down on Sunday.

Dana announced the Noxious Weed Control Program will host a "Spring Fling" kick off BBQ at the Old Town Silverdale Park on Saturday, April 12th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This will be open to the public to bring awareness to the program.

Dana stated she will be conducting a class at the Upper Division Advance Science Class at North Kitsap High School on July 28th – 31st.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM. Next Noxious Weed Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 26th, 2008 at 7:00 PM, in the Poplar Room, Silverdale Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Probert
Noxious Weed Program Assistant