



KOOTENAI COUNTY

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL

MINUTES OF MEETING **NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY BOARD**

April 13, 2021 9:00 am
Kootenai County Search and Rescue Building
10865 N. Ramsey Road
Hayden, Idaho

Members Present: Kelly Hanson, Jack Zimmer, Linda Ely, Laurin Scarcello

Members Absent: Jeff Odland

Staff Present: Nick Snyder, Director; Chris Adam, Weed Superintendent; Lynnell Smith, Administrative Secretary

Public Present: Gordon Sylte, Chris Kraft

Chairman Kelly Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Chairman Hanson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion: Jack Zimmer asked for corrections to a sentence and spelling of a name. Linda Ely made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections. Jack Zimmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion: Chris Adam presented a short power point report on the Noxious Weed Control upcoming season. Chris reported on inspections throughout the county and the plans for completing more inspections this year than last year. The approach that the department has put into place is more organized and will make the inspections more productive.

Chris reported on the Knotweeds on Latour Creek and near the Coeur d' Alene River in Cataldo. This area has a massive invasion of knotweed. The Noxious Weed Department has applied for biocontrol bugs in hope that they will help control the growth of this invasive weed. There was discussion on how many other noxious weeds have biocontrol bugs available and the survival rate of biocontrol bugs. Chris did not have the exact answers to these questions but will do some research and get back to everyone.

The Department started a test site in the spring of 2020 to determine the best way to treat Leafy Spurge in the area. Chris found a great test location that is on a parcel of property owned by the City of Coeur d'Alene. With the city's permission, the Noxious Weed Department has tested different chemical treatments. We hope to be able to give residents of Kootenai County the best method to treat this noxious weed without a contractor license. This is an ongoing project for the next few years. The department is very hopeful that we will learn a lot about helping people with this noxious weed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comments: None

Motion: Linda Ely moved to adjourn the meeting, Jack Zimmer seconded; the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

The next scheduled Advisory Board meeting is November 11, 2020 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at the Search and Rescue Building, 10865 N. Ramsey Rd. Hayden, Idaho 83835.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnell M. Smith
Recording Secretary