

SAN JUAN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

F-I-N-A-L MINUTES

Friday, July 5, 2024

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Meeting Held Remotely Via Teams

and at the Orcas Senior Center, 62 Henry Road, Eastsound, WA 98245

ATTENDING: Bill Rupp, Chair (Area #1); Todd Goldsmith, Vice-Chair (Area #3); Jessa Madosky (Area #5), Christine Minney, County Council Liaison (District 1); and staff members Michele Smith, Andrew Munson and Jason Ontjes.

Meeting brought to order by the Chair at 9:06 AM.

1. Review and approval of the meeting minutes of May 10, 2024. Todd moved to approve the meeting minutes from May, seconded by Jessa. The motion was approved by acclamation.
2. DRAFT Sportsman Lake grant contract discussion and action (accept/modify/reject) for proposed budget amendment. Todd moved to approve the draft contract with provisions that it receive approval from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and would allow adjustment of compensation if 2025 treatment costs were higher than initially expected. Jessa seconded approval. ALL AYES, MOTION CARRIED. Jason will send the draft contract to the PA's Office for their review.

9:30—9:45 AM. Public comment time for visitors. No members of the public attended today's meeting.

3. Updates from Environmental Stewardship (Susan). Susan Eshelman of Environmental Stewardship did not attend today's meeting, so no updates were given.
4. News from the field (Michele and Andrew). Michele continues to be very busy with weed control activities on San Juan, including roadside work and control on behalf of the Port of Friday Harbor and SJC Parks. Canada thistle, teasel and slenderflower thistle (Class A) have been recent priorities. Her first talk to the Master Gardeners plant diagnostic clinic was a success. On Lopez, Andrew

reports that he has recently confronted poison hemlock, Scot's broom, teasel and thistles on public and private properties, and worked with the Lopez Youth Conservation Corps at Norman Road. He continues to visit Orcas once a week and has helped with Scot's broom on an OPALCO easement as well as thistle and teasel control in Moran State Park. He will put together a purchase list for Stihl battery-operated equipment soon.

5. Presentation and discussion of the monthly report (Jason). Jason took questions from the Board about the monthly report. A discussion about noxious weeds in agricultural settings (pastures, hayfields) ensued, with Todd reporting some failures and success with oxeye daisy control, which is a common weed on Lopez. Andrew was curious if farmers were really concerned about weed species like oxeye daisy, meadow knapweed, buttercup and hawkweed. The previous Extension Director, Brook Brouwer, was pretty concerned about these species infesting agricultural areas, according to Todd. He will send Andrew some names of local farmers for further dialogue on this subject.

At 10 AM, Jessa left the meeting, and due to the resultant lack of a quorum (three voting members need to be present), Chrstine advised that the meeting be promptly adjourned and recommended getting in touch with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office about public meeting requirements.

6. Budget status. Not discussed due to lack of quorum.
7. Other business. Not discussed due to lack of quorum.
8. Adjournment. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:13 AM due to a lack of a quorum (Jessa departed at 10 AM).

The Board's next scheduled meeting is on Friday, September 6, 2024.