

**Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 18th 2010. 6:00 pm, WSU Office, Port Hadlock

Board Members Present:

Linda Davis, Richard Hild, John Richmond (by conference call) and Patricia Robinson

Others Present:

Esko Cate and Eve Dixon

▪ **Introductions:**

The meeting began at 6:00 (an hour later than usual, as previously arranged with all parties concerned). Introductions were made.

▪ **Approval of Minutes of the February meeting:**

Linda moved, and Richard seconded, to accept the minutes as presented. All were in favor.

▪ **Coordinator's Report**

No comments on the report but Pat and Linda both asked Eve to call to let them know when she has sent emails, so they can be sure to get them.

▪ **Board Member Reports**

Both Jill and John had sent a written report of their activities since the last Board Meeting.

▪ **Change in State Weed Board's Definition of "Control", and County Road Weeds**

Eve told the Board that the State Noxious Weed Control Board has changed its definition of "control". It now reads "to prevent all seed production and to prevent the dispersal of all propagative parts capable of forming new plants." This means that mowing, which can spread plant parts, is no longer an acceptable form of control. Eve has concerns about weeds on county roads, which have always been bad and are getting steadily worse. She would like some Board Members to go with her to talk to the head of County Roads and make them more aware of their responsibilities. She will try to arrange a meeting towards the end of June, on a Friday.

▪ **Budget and Funding.**

Clallam and Jefferson Counties were jointly awarded funding from the Federal Title II program. This money has supported the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Program since 2002. It is scheduled to finish in 2011 and Eve suggested to the Board that it might be time to ask the Commissioners for an assessment, to give the program the stable funding it needs. Some information was passed around and the Board discussed different options. Richard definitely does not want the Board to go that route, thinking that other groups may jump on the bandwagon and also ask for assessments. He thinks the money should come from the General Fund and pointed out that our program is as important as the Fire or Police Departments and costs a fraction of the amount. We need the public to be aware of how important our program is. Eve will try to get something in the Peninsula Daily News about poisonous plants and the fact that someone in Pierce County recently died from accidental poison hemlock ingestion. We discussed writing to the Commissioners to ask them to give us \$80,000 a year to support our program. Linda proposed, and Pat seconded, that we take this step. Eve will draft a letter and pass it around to the Board for input, and will also try to get letters

of support from the Conservation District, North Olympic Salmon Coalition, Jefferson Land Trust and Fort Worden.

- **Other Business**

Esko mentioned there is knotweed on property near the Tamanous Rack, owned by Jefferson Land Trust. Although it is not a regulated weed, Eve will contact them and see if they will control it.

- **Schedule Next Meeting/Adjourn**

Tuesday, August 17th at 5 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Eve Dixon, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator.