

11/18/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order, Those Present, Flag Salute

Erin Rentz called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Members Present: Dave Noble, Jaxsen Sikorski, Mike Green, Erin Rentz, Sarah Malaby, Kerry Johnston, Frank Hammerich & Andrea Rabe (telephone). Not Present: Tony Pena.

Public Works Staff Present: Todd Pfeiffer, Jeremy Morris & Patti Harvey

Guests Present: Dan Son,, Colleen Sharp, Geoff Grisdale, Chris Wilson, Leanne Vradenberg (telephone) & Jason Jeager (telephone)

2. Approval Of Nov. 5, 2020 Minutes

Motion to approve: Frank Hammerich

2nd : Jaxsen Sikorsky

Minutes Approved

3. Board Member Term Renewals

Erin Rentz and Frank Hammerich both agreed to renew. Tony will need to be contacted later. Todd will present renewal letters to BOCC for reappointment.

4. ODA Update

Dan Son introduced himself.

5. 2021 Season Update - Todd Pfeiffer

Todd gave 2021 season update via power point presentation.

Lack of employees resulting in lowest income in past 18 years.

6. Noxious Weed List For 2022

Board reviewed current list.

Chris Wilson talked about Ventenata -already on C list

Frank Hammerich asked about moving Yellow starthistle to A list - doesn't qualify, too much in Malin

Discussion on Medusahead - is on C list

No changes recommended

Motion to approve list as is: Mike Green

2nd: Frank Hammerich

Motion Approved - List remains the same for 2022

7. Board Concerns / Input

Dave Nobel inquired about how notices are sent out.

Frank brought up organic growers. Jason Yeager commented - growers also suffering from lack of employees. Todd showed no-spray renewal letter - growers are reminded that they do have to control noxious weeds.

Jeremy explained Weed Controls efforts to obtain applicators.

Discussion on utilizing commercial applicators - Jeremy explained limitations created by insurance requirements.

Mike Green gave update on BOR contract - M&C Enterprise will be spraying now.

Tony Pena not present- Chris Wilson stepped in to comment on the private side his business is available to do the work.

Kerry Johnston fire update - BLM didn't any big fires, not expecting any large issues in 2022. Getting funding for medusahead treatment.

Erin Rentz fire update- Bootleg fire, 2021 treatments didn't happen because of fire, working on surveys and hoping to get some rapid response in 2022 (have to get a plan in place) Funding is not an issue.

BLM an USFS both working on adding new herbicides.

8. Public Comments

Leann Vradenberg (Klamath Watershed Partnership) - working on an ODA weed grant for weed treatment in the Bootleg Fire footprint. Todd offered in-kind cooperation and so did Jason Jaeger. Going to run out of rack funding in upcoming year.

Erin Rentz commented that the RAC was reconvened and projects were approved, Klamath County has additional money available that was not requested. Erin's weed program is funded.

Jason Jaeger talked about dyer's woad project. Fires messed up projects this year. Chris Wilsons crews did 1800 acres of spraying for Modoc County.

Geoff Grisdale (USF&W) - Yellow Flag Iris and Purple Loostrife treatment on refuge. Herbicide use issues.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Jaxsen Sikorki

2nd: Dave Nobel

Meeting adjourned