



Pend Oreille County Weed Board

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Minutes

Pend Oreille County Noxious Weed Control Board
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
Weed Board Office, 227-B South Garden Avenue
2:00 PM

Board members present: Pam Thomure, Wes Bailey, and David Hoisington, *Tom Pulford*

Also present: Mary Malone, Loretta Nichols, Dyana James, County Commissioner John Gentle

Meeting called to order: 2:00 pm

Action Report	Motion Carried
Motion to approve travel expenses for this meeting	Yes
Motion to approve Aquatechnex as the spray applicator for the Box Canyon Reservoir	Yes
Motion to split the river between Aquatic Harvesters and Aquatic Weed Solutions, finding the imaginary line to split the FLR DASH work to include both the Box and Boundary Reservoirs	Yes
Motion to give Aquatic Harvesters the northern portion of the river as determined by the Coordinator	Yes
Motion to give Aquatic Harvesters the survey work with Weed Board staff for Boundary Reservoir to Aquatic Harvesters	Yes
Motion to adjourn at 3:59 p.m.	Yes

Consent Items

Expenses for April special meeting:

Pam moved to approve travel expenses for this meeting. Tom seconded. **Motion carried.**

Public Comment Opened at 3:00 p.m.

No public comment

New Business

Introduction of new District 1 Board Member

Tom Pulford introduced himself, discussed his background.

Old Business

Discuss and Select Aquatic Contractors for 2023 Season

In discussion about DASH, Pam clarified a point of conversation from the last meeting that the army corps did not do an in-water/deep water survey. Discussion ensued regarding use of drones for aquatic and land weeds. Tom needs a glossary of terms (DASH, etc). Discussion over what different agencies are doing for FLR, who is using DASH and who is not. Loretta noted that she would like to have contractors get in the slough-type areas they can get into with the boat in late May or early July to use remaining funds before June 30. Looked at FLR map. Tom discussed Weed Board staff cooperation with dam staff for when they draw down the water. He suggested send letter to Janet at Boundary to have her let us know when it is drawn down in order to get to the shorelines easier. Discussion over Tom's questions on quality control, disposal and permitting for the DASH work. Discussion over ensuring there is a standard for how they weigh the FLR, this year they will be required to include acreage. Required written comprehensive report by contractors that will include acres, weight, how many plants, plant size, etc. They are required to fill out all fields in the Field Maps app and submit written final reports before full payment will be made. Add that staff will be going out randomly to check on the work. Discussion of contracts and mobilization fees. Pam discussed the contract proposals and who has what experience. FLR differentiation in contracts for submerged vs non-submerged. Discussion over splitting the river for the two eligible DASH contractors and Aquatechnex getting the entire river for herbicide. Discussion over splitting the river with Aquatic Harvesters in the northern half to include Boundary and AWS in the southern half. Pam mentioned her previous idea of getting a survey done before any treatment, but noted that is not worth the cost as it would be the same cost to survey and treat at the same time. Discussion over last year's contractor performance, communication, etc. Discussion over where to divide the river. Have Josh or Mary Smith pull the data of FLR to split the FLR, not the river miles specifically.

David moved to approve aquatechnex to spray the herbicide in the Box Canyon reservoir. Pam seconded. **Motion carried.**

David moved to split the river between Aquatic Weed Solutions and Aquatic Harvesters, finding the imaginary spot splitting the FLR DASH work to include both Box and Boundary reservoirs. Seconded by Tom. **Motion carried.**

Pam moved to give Aquatic Harvesters the northern portion of the river as determined by the Coordinator. Seconded by David. **Motion carried.**

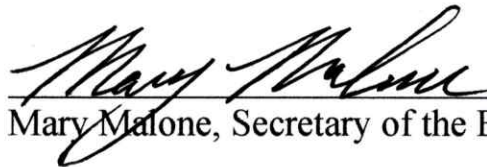
Pam moved to give the survey work with the Weed Board employees for Boundary reservoir to Aquatic Harvesters. Seconded by David. **Motion carried.**

Meeting Adjourned: David moved to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded. **Motion carried.**
Meeting closed at 3:59 p.m.



Wesley Bailey, Chairman

5-10-23
Date



Mary Malone, Secretary of the Board

5/10/23
Date