



The Idaho Association of NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS

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ANNUAL MEETING – 2023 **Canyon County Administration Building** **111 N. 11th Ave, Caldwell, Idaho 838605**

Monday, January 9, 2023

*Chairman Wenk opened the annual meeting at 1:00PM with housekeeping announcements and called for attendee introductions. *The attendees list is attached*
After introductions, the meeting moved into a workshop setting where the following topics were presented:*

Canyon County Noxious Weed & Pest Program

Presented by: AJ Mondor, Canyon County Weeds Superintendent

IAC Assistance – How to Move Things Forward

Presented by: Seth Grigg, IAC Executive Director

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ISDA:

Noxious Weeds & Invasive Species Program Split & General Program Updates

Presented by: Jeremey Varley, ISDA Noxious Weeds Section Manager

State Mapping Module & GIS Updates

Presented by: Jeremey Varley, ISDA Noxious Weeds Section Manager

Pesticide Disposal Program Overview

Presented by: Brandon Smith, ISDA Pesticide Disposal Program Manager

Meet the New Weeds Superintendents

Moderated by: Dave Wenk, Chairman

Jud Elkington – Bonneville County, Ryan Edwards – Minidoka County, Jason Parker – Gooding, Lincoln & Jerome Counties (Tri-County). Cody Clyde – Oneida County: *absent from meeting*

Chairman Wenk thanked attendees and closed day 1 of the annual meeting upon no further presentations

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Chairman Wenk opened day 2 of the annual meeting with a welcome and continuation of presentations in a workshop setting. The following topics were presented:

Risk Refresher & The Idaho Trespass Law

Presented by: Kelly Paananen, ICRMP Risk Manager & Carl Ericson, ICRMP Legal Counsel

BREAK

The Cogon Grass Process; Discovery, Listing, Treatments & Follow-Up

Presented by: Adam Schroeder, Ada County Weeds Superintendent

At 11:17AM, Chairman Wenk called the business meeting to order

Reports:

Minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting: Three typos were pointed out by members, and noted for correction by the Secretary. As a point of order, Chase reminded members that all dues paying Superintendents have a vote in the business meeting for the general membership. Motion by Mitch to approve the minutes of the annual meeting dated January 10 & 11, 2022, with the noted corrections, second by Dave Herold. Motion carries unanimous. No further discussion.

Financial Report: Alan presented the association budget, and noted changes to the line items; pointing out that some unused line items were deleted and others were combined to more accurately reflect our expenditure patterns. Alan called for questions. Hearing none, he presented the current financial report, as of 12/31/2022; total fund balance is \$21,407.44, with a regular fund balance of \$12,449.83 (total balance minus the contingency fund). There is \$2,068.34 in total expenses. He then explained that dues have come in from 42 out of 44 counties totaling \$6,000.00 in income. Alan went on to inform the membership that the association's Wells Fargo bank account has been successfully closed and the remainder of the account balance was transferred to our account with IAC. Motion by Terry Lee to approve the current financial report as presented, second by Dave Humphreys. Further discussion – Bonnie made the membership aware that Washington County received about 15 dues payments, and recommended checking with your County Auditor's Office to ensure the IANWCS vendor information is changed in your county's bill paying system. Motion carries unanimous.

INWCA Report: Terry reported that speakers will be pushed back 10 minutes during the general session due to some last minute travel hang-ups. It was announced that the IANWCS/INWCA calendars are on hand

State Noxious Weed Advisory Committee: Sharayh reported that she and Bryce are new region representatives on this committee and further reported that cost share review will take place in two weeks. Jeremy Varley chimed in that new 2-year terms are in effect as of their December meeting, and at that meeting, Cogon Grass discussions also took place. He mentioned that this year's cost share review meetings will be an in-person/virtual hybrid format. Kali asked about current status with Russian Olive. Jeremy responded that no new petitions for Russian Olive have been submitted so far, but if any come in, they will request that the petitioner re-submit after the current legislative session.

New Business:

By-Laws Changes: Alan presented drafts of By-Laws with edits that separate the Secretary and Treasurer positions and allows those officers to hold multiple positions on the executive board. Alan called for any questions on the draft document that was distributed to membership. No questions were asked by any members. Motion by Terry Lee to adopt the edited By-Laws as presented, second by Jeremy Johnson. Further discussion – Alan pointed out that this has been discussed at the required minimum of 2 executive board meetings. Motion carries unanimous.

Noxious Weed Public Notice Posting: Alan presented a proposal that he has been working on that would change statute to allow counties to post the annual noxious weed control public notice on a website in lieu of a newspaper. Alan ran his working drafts through Patxi Larrocea-Philips with AMG, who recommended consulting with an attorney in his Prosecutor’s Office. The Latah County Deputy Prosecutor reviewed Alan’s draft and suggested pushing accessibility to information rather than saving money from newspaper publishing fees, which is where to potential pushback is likely to come from. Alan further reported that Patxi will meet with Speaker Moyle on getting this agendized during this legislative session. Alan called for support from this association, and urged members to reach out to their legislators in support of this statute change. Meeting guest Jeffrey Pettingill asks for clarification on how often a public notice needs to be posted, to which Alan replied that it only needs to be run one time during the year. Alan thanked the membership for considering support of this change.

INWCA/IANWCS Calendar: Dave Wenk thanked those that submitted project photos and requested that those keep coming into the future so that the INWCA can continue to put out a fresh product.

Noxious Weed Statute, Enforcements: Mike Ottley gave a backstory on a trespassing issue that was raised by a landowner in Cassia County during an enforcement, and said that the sticking point revolves around what satisfies individual contact for serving a noxious weed notice of enforcement. Mike presented the members with a working draft of Title 22, Chapter 24 – 2405 (4) which intends to clean up language pertaining to served enforcements. Biggest issue has been, what is considered a “reasonable attempt” at contact. Joe Slichter, who has worked with Mike on this, chimed in saying that absentee landowners may not have a valid mailing address listed, even if that’s the most current info available to you. Joe’s part is wanting to be able to continue executing his job, but be covered. The hope with the draft language is that a postmark on a served notice can be considered a “reasonable attempt” at contact. Another point that was addressed is also trying to follow the vision of your board of county commissioners, and your Prosecutor’s interpretation. It was cautioned that if we decide to move forward with pursuing this statute change, that we be prepared to deal with possible unintended consequences.

2023 Executive Board Meeting Schedule: Chase announced the slate of executive board meetings for the upcoming year—Spring meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5 in Salmon, Summer meeting will be held on Thursday, July 27 at a location TBD in Region 6, and the Fall meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4 in Sandpoint.

Awards:

Chairman Wenk presented the Years of Service awards

5 Year Recipients: AJ Mondor – Canyon County, Paul Rekow – Boise County

10 Year Recipients: Dave Herold – Adams County, Kelly Aberasturi – Owyhee County

20 Year Recipient: Alan Martinson – Latah County

Weed Superintendent of the Year: Chairman Wenk called Mitch Whitmill to the floor to present the Weed Superintendent of the Year award winner. Bryce Fowler of Fremont County was selected as the winner by the WSOY review committee; the nomination was submitted by Mitch. Congratulations Bryce!

Elections:

Vice Chair Selection: Chairman Wenk announced that Adam Schroeder resigned from his position as vice chair, and that the executive board voted to accept the resignation and to move Mitch Whitmill into the vacated vice chair position. Chairman Wenk then announced that the executive board’s nomination for incoming vice chair is Mike Ottley. He then called for any nominations from the floor for the vice chair position. No nominations came from the floor. Motion by Alan to cease nominations, second by Bryce. Motion carries unanimous. No further discussion. With nominations officially closed, the executive board’s nomination, Mike Ottley, moves into the vice chair position, Mitch Whitmill moves into the chair position, and Dave Wenk moves into the past chair position. Mitch presented Dave with his outgoing chairman appreciation award.

Chairman Whitmill adjourned the business meeting at 11:55AM

LUNCH sponsored by Corteva with a product update presentation by Idaho territory rep, Trent Brusseau

Following lunch, Chairman Whitmill reopened the workshop setting of the annual meeting. The following topics were presented:

Enforcements Panel—How Various Counties Handle Noxious Weed Law Enforcements

Moderated by: Chase Youngdahl, Bonner County Weeds Superintendent

Presented by the following Weeds Superintendents: Alan Martinson – Latah County, Mike Ottley – Cassia County, Kali Sherrill – Twin Falls County

Jefferson County Noxious Weeds Program

Presented by: Mitch Whitmill, Jefferson County Weeds Superintendent

Municipality Noxious Weed Control & NAISMA Update

Presented by: Chase Youngdahl, Bonner County Weeds Superintendent

Bio-Control Updates

Presented by: Paul Brusven, Nez Perce Biocontrol Center Coordinator

Chairman Whitmill shared a few words as the new Chairman, thanked the members for attending and closed the 2023 annual meeting upon no further presentations.

**IANWCS Annual Meeting
2023 Attendees**

ADAMS COUNTY	Dave Herold
BANNOCK COUNTY	Kathy Dahlke
BINGHAM COUNTY	Kraig Edwards
BLAINE COUNTY	John Cenarrusa
BOISE COUNTY	Paul Rekow
BONNER COUNTY	Chase Youngdahl
BONNEVILLE COUNTY	Jud Elkington
BOUNDARY COUNTY	Dave Wenk
CAMAS COUNTY	Terry Lee
CANYON COUNTY	AJ Mondor
CASSIA COUNTY	Michael Ottley
CLARK COUNTY	Bo Billman
CUSTER COUNTY	Brett Plummer
ELMORE COUNTY	Dave Humpherys
FRANKLIN COUNTY	Travis Ashby
FREMONT COUNTY	Bryce Fowler
GEM COUNTY	Larry Shippy
GOODING, JEROME, LINCOLN COUNTIES	Jason Parker
IDAHO COUNTY	Joe Slichter
JEFFERSON COUNTY	Mitch Whitmill
KOOTENAI COUNTY	Chris Adam
LATAH COUNTY	Alan Martinson
LEMHI COUNTY	Sharayh Krantz
LEWIS COUNTY	Kelly Thomason
MADISON COUNTY	Jeremy Johnson
MINIDOKA COUNTY	Ryan Edwards
PAYETTE COUNTY	Matt Voile
SHOSHONE COUNTY	Shelby Heiderman
TWIN FALLS COUNTY	Kali Sherrill
VALLEY COUNTY	Steve Anderson
WASHINGTON COUNTY	Bonnie Davis

SUPERINTENDENTS

Jeffrey Pettingill - Baker County, OR
Jeremey Varley - ISDA

GUESTS

Cindy Shelton - Jefferson County
Ryan Hansen - Jefferson County
Denise Helsley - TriCounty
Keith Cook - Bonneville County
Cory Flat - Canyon County
Alvin Dormaier - Idaho County
Leif Wahler - Idaho County
Rick McElveen - Bannock County
Glen Dial - Bingham County

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