

Whatcom County Horticultural Pest & Disease Board (WCHPDB)

Thursday February 16, 2017

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location

Lynden, WA

Whatcom County Lynden Library

216 4th St, Lynden, WA 98264

<https://goo.gl/maps/Bm5xXjXNiNz>

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Board Members

Melissa Bedlington, Matt McDermott,

Quorum Present - No

Staff

Chris Benedict

Open Session for Public Comments

No members of the public were available for comment.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes could not be approved due to lack of quorum.

New Business

Due to lack of quorum the meeting we terminated at 1:45.

Next Meeting Thursday February 16, 2017 at 1:30 Lynden Library.

HANDOUTS

Review Board purpose

State RCW

“Each horticultural pest and disease board shall be comprised of five voting members, four of whom shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners and one of whom shall be appointed by the director. In addition, the chief county extension agent, or a county extension agent appointed by the chief agent, shall be a nonvoting member of the board.

Of the four members appointed by the board of county commissioners, one of such members shall have at least a practical knowledge of horticultural pests and diseases, and the other members shall be residents of the county, shall own land within the county and shall be engaged in the primary and commercial production of a horticultural product or products. Such appointed members shall serve a term of two years and shall serve without salary. If no such qualified candidate resides in the county, a nonresident that owns property in the county and is engaged in the primary and commercial production of a horticultural product or products may be appointed as a member of the horticultural pest and disease board.”

Whatcom

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/440/Horticultural-Pest-Disease-Board>

The Horticultural Pest and Disease Board is created to enable Whatcom County to more effectively control and prevent the spread of horticultural pests and diseases. The Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- Receive complaints
- Inspect
- Enforce
- Employ persons and purchase goods and equipment as necessary
- Educate the public
- Administrate

Skagit

<http://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/agriculture/pestcontrol/>

The Board is charged with the responsibility of receiving complaints concerning pests and diseases in Skagit County and taking action to control priority pests and diseases that threaten agriculture in the county. The Board operates under the rules of the State of Washington, RCW 15.09.

Chelan

<http://www.co.chelan.wa.us/horticultural-pest-and-disease-board>

The Chelan-Douglas Horticultural Pest and Disease Board enables the counties to more efficiently control and prevent the spread of horticultural pests and diseases. The Chelan-Douglas Pest Board is granted its authority within Washington State Law 15.09. The Chelan-Douglas Pest Board investigates complaints received on unsprayed, neglected or abandoned vegetation. This can be anything from a single backyard tree to commercial orchards. The Chelan-Douglas Horticultural Pest and Disease Board Department is directed by a manager appointed by the board of representative, four representatives from each county.

Mission Statement

To eradicate infested fruit trees that threaten commercial orchards and work with the public to keep back yard fruit trees free from pest infestations.