

The January 28, 2016 meeting of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council was called to order by President Elton Brown at 7pm. There were 13 Directors and Alternates present, a quorum.

Rives Manning gave the invocation.

Wayne Carter moved the proposed agenda be approved. The motion was properly seconded and approved.

Pete Deschenes moved the minutes of the August 25, 2015, meeting of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council be approved. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Treasurer Rives Manning gave the Treasurer's report. Pete Deschenes moved the report be approved.

The motion was properly seconded and approved.

The regular meeting of the Lake Gaston Weed Control Council was recessed and the annual meeting was convened to elect officers for 2016. Wayne Carter moved the present slate of officers-President Elton Brown, Vice-President Pete Deschenes, Treasurer J. Rives Manning and Secretary Tommy Winebrenner be reelected for 2016. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. The present officers were reelected. The annual meeting was adjourned and the regular meeting resumed.

Cole from PLM gave a report on the 2015 noxious weed treatment results in Lake Gaston. He thanked all the volunteers for their help and assistance during the treatment season. He thought the Weed Council should continue its strong effort to control noxious weeds in Lake Gaston.

Justin Narwocki from NC State gave his appraisal of the results of the noxious weed treatments in 2015. He was pleased with the overall results. He thanked the over 500 volunteers who put in over 800 hours on the lake taking samples of noxious weeds from Lake Gaston,

without their efforts the noxious weed treatments would not have been nearly as successful. He urged the LGWCC to continue on the path we are on.

Wayne Carter moved to send out an RFP for the purchase of chemicals for 2016. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Dan Tanner moved to send out an applicator RFP for 2016. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Wayne Carter moved to approve a tentative weed treatment budget for 2016-2017. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Rives Manning moved the LGWCC approve a 2016 weed treatment year budget. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Wally Sayko gave a comprehensive report on our new and improved web site. He is very pleased with the new site manager. He has received a number of positive comments from LGWCC members as well as positive comments from others who have visited the web site.

Pete Deschenes moved to authorize the Treasurer to write a letter to the proper Federal, State and Local Government officials requesting funds for the treatment of noxious weeds in Lake Gaston in 2016. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Dan Tanner moved to approve the receipt of our audit report. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Justin informed the LGWCC that he will be moving on to bigger and better opportunities but that he will miss his friends here on Lake Gaston.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted.

Tom Winebrenner, Secretary