

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

RESOLUTION 174-2022

A resolution adopting an increase in the Noxious Weed Control Assessment Levy for collection in FY2023

WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Board is directed to submit a budget to the Okanogan County Board of Commissioners for operating costs of the County Weed Program every year pursuant to RCW 17.10.240; and

WHEREAS, the County Okanogan County Board of Commissioners has determined that the control of weeds is a special benefit to the lands within Okanogan County; and

WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board recommended continuation of the land classification of "State Land" consisting of all lands within Okanogan County that are owned by the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, that the Noxious Weed Board recommends an increase to the current Assessment levy which is \$9.74 per parcel, plus one cent (\$.01) per acre charge for parcels over one acre in size, for all lands within Okanogan County, except undesignated State Lands which are \$0.22 per acre; and

WHEREAS, the recommended levy is impartially fair to the taxpayers of Okanogan County and;

WHEREAS, this resolution shall not apply to Trust Indian Land under the control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Colville Confederated Tribes, or to any other lands owned by the United States; and,

WHEREAS, all those lands subject to number 1 category Senior Citizen Exemptions shall also be exempt from this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Noxious Weed Control Assessment levy for 2023 shall be \$12.74 per parcel plus two cents (\$.02) per acre for all classified lands (dry lands, range lands, irrigated lands, nonuse lands) within Okanogan County; and all other lands with a classification of "unclassified lands" shall be assessed at \$0.29 cents per acre, based on a 2023 estimated operating budget of \$601,696.00 as submitted by the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this levy may be adjusted from year to year based on the budget submitted by the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Board when approved, by motion, by the Board of County Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this levy shall extend to all land within Okanogan County, both incorporated and un-incorporated, except as provided in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Okanogan County Assessor and the Okanogan County Treasurer are hereby directed to perform the necessary duties to comply with this resolution and RCW 17.10.240.

Dated at Okanogan, Washington this 28th day of November 2022.



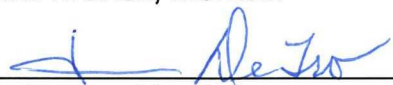
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON



Andy Hover, Chairman



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ATTEST:



Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board

Noxious Weed Control Board of Okanogan County
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Larry Hudson, Manager

Board Members: Dave McClure, Mike Rayton, Steve Kieffer, & Nancy O'Neil

2023 Assessment Hearing November 10, 2022

Present: Mike Rayton, Steve Kieffer, Nancy O'Neil Larry Hudson, Darla Dolph, Machelles Hawkins, Taylor George, Blayne Harvey, Michael Duggan, Carmen Nelson, LeRoy Hirst, and Rose Hirst

November 10, 2022 Special 2023 Assessment Hearing Called to Order by: Steve Kieffer **at 4:00 PM**

Flag Salute was led by: Steve Kieffer

Presentation — Larry Hudson PowerPoint discussion on: current Noxious Weed Assessment rate verses the proposed 2023 Assessment Increase, the 2023 – 2025 Noxious Weed Budget (with and without an Assessment Increase), Okanogan County's Assessment Rate compared to surrounding counties, Grants; Contracts; & other Services that the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Office currently provides and how they will be affected without an Assessment Increase, Washington State Laws that pertain to how the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Office conducts business.

Public Comment: Meeting is open to public comment

Motion to Increase the 2023 Okanogan County Noxious Weed Assessment Rate to \$12.74 per parcel plus an additional two cents (\$0.02) per acre for (dry lands, range lands, irrigated lands, and nonuse lands); and twenty nine cents (\$0.29) per acre for all other lands with a classification of "unclassified lands" within Okanogan County.

Motion made by: Mike Rayton

Motion Seconded by: Nancy O'Neil

Motion Carried

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Meeting adjourned by: Steve Kieffer **at: 5:09 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry Hudson, Manager

Approved by: _____
Steve Kieffer, Chairman

Date: _____