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### Dear weblinx,

### 5 Things from WACD in brief:

- 1. WACD Board to meet Monday, June 21. The focus will be on WACD's budget, plus the annual evaluation of the WACD Executive Director.
- 2. Advocacy: what is your summer plan for your electeds?
- 3. Now is the time to be thinking of resolutions and legislation.
- 4. WADE conference wrap-up.
- 5. Spring seeding completed at the Plant Materials Center

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# 5 Things to Know for June 17, 2021

### 1. WACD Board to meet Monday, June 21

On Monday, June 21st, WACD's Board of Directors will hold a regular business meeting. The June meeting will be focused primarily on the Association's budget for fiscal year 21-22 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022). WACD has experienced some interesting changes in our usual conditions, including:

- the WACD annual conference was held virtually instead of in person;
- Plant Materials Center sales appear to have set a new record;
- the Executive Office moved to a new office location;
- · returns on investments were higher than anticipated; and
- WACD is fully staffed for the first time in recent memory.

We expect some interesting discussions around the proposed budget. Please consider joining the meeting. Meeting information will be posted at <a href="https://wadistricts.org/board-of-directors">https://wadistricts.org/board-of-directors</a>.

# 2. What is your summer strategy for your electeds?

Now is a great time to renew your relationships with elected officials. The Legislature has left Olympia and the time is right to visit some project sites. We've posted some thoughts about a summer strategy for engaging your electeds. Find it at: What is your summer strategy for engaging electeds?

# 3. Start thinking of needed resolutions and legislation

One of our goals in 2021 is to stimulate conversation about potential resolutions and possible

legislation much earlier in the year. Why? Because the more time our community members have to think about your ideas, the better we can come together later to move them forward!

## 4. The WADE annual conference was great

If you missed the WADE conference, you missed something special. They just keep getting better and better! Fortunately, the recordings will be made available so we will all have a chance to catch up on those moments that we missed. Congratulations to WADE and the entire conference team for a job very well done!

## 5. Spring seeding completed at the PMC

The PMC received and planted the last species needed to finish spring seed planting, which was Quaking Aspen (Populus tremuloides). That one is always the last because it is important to use fresh seed since their seeds do not store well and this is the time of year that seeds are produced, harvested, and processed. Growing Aspen from seed is unique and challenging in a variety of ways. Read more: Five things that you should know about the PMC for June 17, 2021

### **Executive Corner**

An intersection of thoughts occurred on Monday, coming simultaneously from widely distant sources. I love the serendipity of this, so much so that I thought about it and used it as the springboard to this week's Executive Corner: Listen, Learn, Adapt, Act. I hope you enjoy it.

Always yours for conservation,

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