

**CLARK COUNTY
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Environmental Services / Resource Enhancement & Permitting /
Vegetation Management

DATE: December 10, 2013

REQUEST: Appoint a new Noxious Weed Control Board member.

CHECK ONE: Consent Hearing Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND: The Noxious Weed Control Board consists of five voting members from five weed districts in the County, as defined in Clark County Code Title 7. Currently, weed district one (1) sits vacant. Following procedures outlined in RCW 17.10, Clark County recently requested applications to fill the vacancies in this district. One application was received.

The Noxious Weed Control Board recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint one new weed board member.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Clark County published a public notice announcing vacancies for the positions in The Columbian and Battle Ground Reflector during the weeks of August 14th and 28th, 2013. A news release was also published on the Clark County website.

BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS: Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board members are volunteers. Meetings for the weed board will be held quarterly, and the staff time to coordinate these meetings is included in the approved 2013-2014 Environmental Services budget.

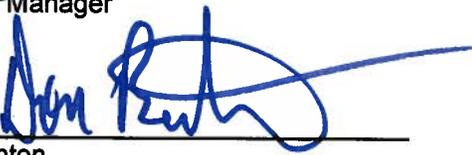
FISCAL IMPACTS: Yes (see Fiscal Impacts Attachment) No

ACTION REQUESTED: Appoint Lee Wells to Noxious Weed Control District One (1) for a period of two years, with the term expiring on December 31, 2014.

DISTRIBUTION: Please return the approved staff report to Environmental Services Administration.



Kevin Tyler
Division Manager



Don Benton
Environmental Services Director


APPROVED: _____
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SR 250-13

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c: Glenn Lebsack, Vegetation Management

Attachments: Map of Weed Districts, County News Release; Noxious Weed Control Board Application; November 18, 2013 Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board meeting minutes.


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CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD
11104 NE 149th St, Building C-200, Brush Prairie, WA 98606
tel 360-397-6140 fax 360-759-6557



Application for Appointment

Name Lee E Wells

Telephone 360 609 5269 Email _____

Residence Address 1288 S 45th Ave Ridgefield Wa 98642

Mailing Address, if different _____

Are you engaged in the primary production of agricultural products?

Yes No _____ If yes, please give a brief description of your agricultural production activity.

Grains
Hay
Cattle

Please give a brief description of your background and why you are interested in seeking appointment to the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board (you may attach additional pages if necessary.)

Lived in the Ridgefield area since 1954
Bought our farm in 1972
The family has been very Active in the
Community I have served as a advisor
To The County Assessor on (Current Use)

Provide signatures of at least ten (10) registered voters who reside within your weed control district (see attached boundary descriptions) in support of your application.

Please use the signature list attached to this form.

Any questions should be directed to Clark County Vegetation Management at 360-397-6410. Completed applications must be submitted to: Clark County Vegetation Management, 11104 NE 149th St, Brush Prairie WA 98606

Member of Wa Farm Bureau 20 yrs
was leg. Director for 8 years, currently City Councilor



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NEWS RELEASE

BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE

Contact: Mike Monfort, Clark County Vegetation Management, (360) 397-6140

Volunteers needed to fill a Noxious Weed Control Board vacancy

Vancouver, WA – The Board of County Commissioners is seeking applicants to serve on the volunteer Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board.

People interested in serving must reside in the appropriate district. The Board member in District 1 will serve a partial two-year term initially and then 4 year terms there after.

District 1 is bounded roughly by the East Fork Lewis River on the north, Northeast 50th Avenue on the east and the Columbia River on the south and west.

Applicants must submit an Application for Appointment Nomination and a Petition for Member to the Noxious Weed Board, 11104 NE 149th St. C-200, Brush Prairie, WA 98606. Deadline is 5 p.m. **DATE**.

An application packet can be obtained by calling (360) 397-6140 or emailing weed.board@clark.wa.gov. For questions, call Mike Monfort at (360) 397-6140.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Clark County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to serve a two year term on the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board.

Persons interested in appointment to the Weed Board must reside in the appropriate district:

District One

Boundaries: **North** - East Fork Lewis River,
East - NE 50th Avenue,
South and West - Columbia River.

To be considered, applicants need to submit an Application for Appointment and a Nomination Petition for Member to the Clark County Noxious Weed Board, 11104 NE 149th St. C-200, Brush Prairie, WA 98606 no later than 5 p.m. DATE.

An application packet may be obtained by calling the phone number below or email at weed.board@clark.wa.gov

Specific questions regarding the Weed Board may be directed to Mike Monfort at 360-397-6140.

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**Clark County
Noxious Weed Control Board
Regular Meeting**

November 18, 2013

Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Office
11104 NE 149th ST C-200
Brush Prairie, WA 98606

CCNWCB Members Present: Kent Wright, Jerry Kolke, Robert Melo, Charles Brun

CCNWCB Members Absent: Bill Zimmerman, Dist. 1 Vacant

Quorum present

Guests and Public Present: Alison Halpern of State NWCB, Mary Palmer, Clark Sexton and Kevin Reese of WSDOT, Lee Wells

Staff Present: Mike Monfort, Kevin Tyler, Tom Donovan, Glenn Lebsack

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Minutes

Called to order at 9:32 am. Minutes of the July 1st meeting were approved as submitted. Kent motion, Robert second. MMSP 3-0

II. Recommendation of Lee Wells for District 1 Board Position

Discussion of recommendation of Lee Wells for District 1 Board position. Application reviewed. Lee is known by both Jerry and Robert. Would make an excellent board member. Kent motion to recommend Lee Wells for District 1 Board position to the BOCC, Robert 2nd. MMSP 3-0

III. Clark County Weed Code Changes

Kevin presented a summary of changes to the Title 7 weed code. Most all of the changes revolve around outdated language and the desire to get the code to read pursuant to the RCW 17.10 and to remove references to Vegetation Management and to empower the Noxious Weed Control Board as described in 17.10 to control noxious weeds in Clark County. Completely removing reference to land designations as the language in the State code no longer exists. The designation of the Director of Environmental Services for the issuance of citations for violations of the RCW 17.10 to be added. And using WAC 16-750 as the determination of the amount of civil penalties. These proposed changes will go before the BOCC in in early January as part of the semi-annual code change process in the County. Kevin will keep the Board informed of the progress. When the changes become finalized the Weed Board will provide a letter of support of the code changes to be presented to the BOCC. Jerry made a motion to draft a letter to be presented to the Board of Commissioners showing Weed Board support for these changes to the CCC Title 7. Robert 2nd. MMSP 3-0.

IV. Meeting Schedule for 2014

Jerry asked Glenn to prepare a list of dates for meetings in 2014, to be agreed on by the Board. It was stated that 9:30 in the morning seemed to be a good time. The requirement that the Board adopt the State weed list and make any changes to the County weed list needs to be done within 90 days of the States adoption date. Alison thinks it will be Nov 28th this year. So our 1st meeting will need to be no later than the end of February. Glenn will also look at the date of events that we have been involved in in the past and work around them so that the Board will meet before and offer any input or have an opportunity to sign up.



V. Presentation by Alison Halpern

Alison spoke about the 2014 Weed List that was adopted in November. Eel grass was the big talked about item this year again. It was decided to leave it as a requirement that it be controlled in all waters not just commercial shellfish beds. She told us about the simplification of the designate areas. There were too many areas so they changed to using only 6 areas instead of 10. So when designating a weed for control it became easier to describe the area.

Alison also talked about the simplifying of the hawkweed species when designating for control. There were 10 species listed as 'A', 'B' and C 'all other non-native hawkweeds'. It was very confusing to both the landowners and inspectors because most hawkweeds you can't tell apart and even the experts have trouble. So they are now grouped by sub-genus which are easier to designate at that level. Will save confusion.

Added Lesser celandine, Russian olive, non-native cattails species which are easy to identify from our native cattails as Class 'C'.

She talked about the Board's role in helping with the priorities of the weed management as in more or less emphasis on a particular weed or education on a specific topic.

Alison was asked about butterfly bush and she explained they have petitioned the WSDA quarantine group about putting it on the list except for the new sterile cultivars.

To present comments for weed consideration, the period is January thru April 30th.

VI. Additional Items

Clark Sexton of WSDOT talked about the State Highways and the challenge of the Poison hemlock, knapweeds and Rushskelton weed. There are too few spray teams and they have to spend their time on zone 1 residual.

Weed free hay and mulch was again a successful year with a couple of new providers. There may be a small fee for weed free is maybe in the works.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Next meeting will be on TBD/TBA

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Lebsack
Secretary to the Board

