

## Regular Meeting of the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board

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**Date:** May, 9, 2016

**Time:** 9:00 A.M

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room

**Address:** 11104 NE 149<sup>th</sup> St C-200 Brush Prairie, WA 98606

**Roll Call:** Members Present, Jerry Kolke Chair, Bill Zimmerman and Kent Wright.

**Members Absent:** Robert Melo and Lee Wells

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Guest/Public Present:** Susan Sanders, Lydia Casey from (Home Gardeners) and Charles Bennett Bee Keeper

**Staff Present:** Kevin Tyler, Carmen Reynolds, Kara Hauge, Justin Collell

### Handouts provided for meeting:

- ❖ Meeting Agenda
- ❖ Draft minutes of the February 22<sup>th</sup> 2016 Board meeting for review and approval.
- ❖ Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Policy on Bees and Vegetation Control Practices

### Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Jerry Kolke.

#### 1. First order of business, approval of minutes for February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016

Motion by Bill Zimmerman and second by Kent wright, minutes approved.

#### 2. Weed Board Coordinator vacancy (Mike Monfort resignation)

Mike Monfort submitted his resignation on March 24<sup>th</sup>, Mike's resignation has created a vacancy that needs to be filled as soon as possible, Kevin stated that the position was opened to internal department only candidates, Casey Gozart and Blaine Kisler submitted their applications and interviews are scheduled for tomorrow May 12<sup>th</sup>, sitting in the interview panel will be, Jerry Kolke, Denielle Cowley, Kevin Tyler and one other person from downtown. Kevin also said that he would like the position filled as soon as possible, Kevin contacted Alison Halpern from the Washington State Weed Board to make sure we are in compliance with Washington state laws and rules.

#### 3. District 5 Vacancy ( Robert Melo)

Due to lack of meeting participation district 5 position is being consider vacant, Kevin asked the board for their support and opinion on terminating the position, and start recruiting for a new member that can participate and contribute to the board, Robert Melo has moved out of State, and the bylaws state that you must leave in the state and district you represent to serve on the board. Jerry suggested a board vote to expedite the decision, based on lack of participation so we can move forward on the recruit of a new member; Bill Zimmerman suggested a request for a letter of resignation be mailed to him. The Board agreed to mail Robert a letter giving him 2 weeks to respond to expedite the search for a new member. Kara mentioned there were a couple of farmers she knew that may be a good fit for the position. The board requested the inspectors do some research to help us find the right person to represent district 5.

#### 4. 2016 Weed List (Re-visited)

Kevin stated that he wants the board to revisit this because weed designation, control and eradication for Clark County were not discussed on the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The board decided to adopt the weed list as is for 2016 and re-evaluated it for 2017.



**5. Introduction of New employee (Justin Collell)**

Justin started as a full time project employee on February 7<sup>th</sup>, he was a temporary contract employee for a couple of years prior to being hired and has been a great asset to the department.

**6. Event update by Kara Hauge**

Kara gave an update on the Small Acreage Expo, ECO Fair, Home and Garden Idea Fair and Clark County Fair, they were all a big success thanks to all the staff and volunteer's they're contributions is an integral part of the events success. We had over 1500 volunteers in the month of April.

**7. Grants**

Washington State awarded vegetation management two grants one for False Brome that was discovered at camp Bonneville last year 2015, and the other for Goatsrue a class "A" the grant is for the area where it was discovered, we received 5000.00 total.

**8. Citizens Concerns**

**Lydia Casey:** Heritage Farms-, express her concerns with the Locust Trees in the county becoming a problem, and the lack of knowledge from the general public and not understanding that cutting them down only makes the problem worse. Lydia requested more educational brochures and she volunteered to help with our upcoming events.

**Susan Sanders:** Urban Forestry Commission- also talked about the concerns with the spread of locust trees and offers to be involved with eradication and control.

**Charles Bennett:** express concerns with bee pollination and locust trees, he stated that eradication will hurt the bee pollination because locust trees offer a tremendous amount honey. Other than that he wanted to observe and get an idea of what the weed board meetings are all about.

**9. Meeting adjourned:** at 11:00 am.

Next meeting will be on July 11th, 2016 at 9:30 am.

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Submitted by,  
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Secretary to the Board

