

Regular Meeting of the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board

July 11, 2016 at, Time: 9:00 A.M Meeting Location: Heritage Farm

Address: 1919 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA 98606

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

Members Absent: Robert Melo

Quorum Present: Yes

Guest/Public Present: Doug Stienbarger, Extension Agent

Staff Present: Kevin Tyler, Casey Gozart, Carmen Reynolds

Handouts provided for meeting:

- ❖ Meeting Agenda
- ❖ Draft minutes of the February 22, 2016, Board Meeting for review and approval.

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. Review and Approve of the meeting minutes for February 22, 2016 meeting

Kent Wright motion to approve the Minutes for the Previous Board Meeting of February 22, 2016, second by Jerry Kolke, minutes approved as presented.

2. Clark County Fair (Casey)

Casey requested the Board Members help and participation on the Clark County Fair Booth, the public is more comfortable talking to a board member rather than a government employee.

Casey stated that the fair booth tends to be very busy and it helps to have it staffed with people that can answer the public's questions or take a phone number and questions and have someone follow up with the correct answer and or refer them to the right people, door tickets and parking tickets will be available for those that chose to volunteer to staffed the booth.

3. Weed Free Forage (Casey / Carmen)

Carmen reported that there have been about 14 field inspections completed this season so far, a total of about 340 acres have been inspected; the numbers are lower than to 2015, the change in the twine distribution has caused some concerns and issues among the farmers, Washington State Dept. of Agriculture changed the approved distributor and price went up considerable.

The State awarded the twine contract to a new vendor out of Utah, and the farmers have to pay for shipping which can run from \$11.00-\$18.00 dollars per roll, Western Continental out of Portland is not the Supplier any more, the process changed for us as well as for the farmers, the twine change has not been well received.

Casey stated Clark County is working on a contract between the state and the County for ordering and storing the twine here and having the State billed the farmer directly so Carmen would not be handling the money. Casey said that we will continue to promote the program and expand the service because he believes is a good service.



4. Review Class A Grants: (Casey)

Every year we apply for one to three State grants, for knotweed, goatsrue and false brome. We discovered false brome an invasive species which infestations have been increasing in size; it has been identified in Washington State, Clark, Cowlitz and Skamania Counties, it has been eradicated in Cowlitz and Skamania.

Goatsrue a Class A was found in Clark County last year 2015, by one of our filed inspectors Kara Hauge, she was able to work with the landowner to control it.

A report on the knotweed will be provided on the next meeting since control is not scheduled to take place till later in the fall.

5. Clark County & Public Utilities agreement

Knotweed control is done by CPU along the Salmon Creek and Weed Management takes care of the rest of the County, Clark County has an informal partnership with CPU, and the County has agreed to partner with CPU and work together on the eradication of the knotweed and are working on creating something more permanent, to assist us in working together learning from each other on our efforts to the eradication of the knotweed in the county.

6. Reminder:

Board Members advised about the positions being up for re-election, and to submit their letter of interest if they like to continue to serve on the Board.

7.

Next meeting will be on December 5, 2016 at 9:00 am.

Location TBD

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Submitted by,
Carmen Reynolds
Secretary to the Board