

# Regular Meeting of the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board

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**December 5, 2016 at, Time: 9:00 A.M Meeting Location:** Room B-1  
**Address:** 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98665

**Roll Call:** Members Present, Jerry Kolke Chair, Lee Wells, (Phone) Bill Zimmerman.

**Members Absent:** Kent Wright

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Guest/Public Present:** Marc Boldt

**Vegetation Management Staff Present:** Kevin Tyler, Casey Gozart, Justin Collell, Kara Hauge, and Carmen Reynolds.

## **Handouts provided for meeting:**

- ❖ Meeting Agenda
- ❖ Draft minutes of the July 11, 2016, Board Meeting for review and approval.

## **Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.**

### **1. Approval of July 11, 2016 meeting notes.**

July 11, 2016 Minutes were approved as presented.

### **2. New Members Application - Casey**

The vacant Positions were advertised on the Columbian, the County's paper of record, there were no applications received, besides the three current Board Members, and approval of the continued service of the current board members was requested and approved.

Casey stated that there is still one vacant position for District 5, in the which encompasses the Yacolt area; he has contacted about 14 possible candidates without luck, he is still working with a couple of possible candidates that are in the Christmas tree business, Lee Wells suggested Randy Lawffer. (Casey to follow up with Randy)

### **3. Weed Free Gravel - Kara**

Kara, reported that she received a request from Lara Massey, a representative from USDA about gravel pit inspections, Lara said that the state had received a number of calls about gravel pit inspections and she wanted to know if we are able and willing to do gravel inspections, gravel inspections have the same standards as weed free forage, and would like to have the board discussed the possibilities, Kara said that Vegetation Management has done this on two occasions in the past and the only issue she thinks needs to be consider is the challenge of walking the perimeters of the gravel pit and is requesting feedback on this issue from the board. (More Discussion needed)

### **4. Reorganization of Environmental Services Update - Casey.**

With the dissolution of Environmental Services, Vegetation Management has been reassigned to Public Works with Kevin continuing as the Manager and reporting to Heath Henderson the PW Director.

All the vegetation staff has been temporarily relocated to the PSC building downtown and 78<sup>th</sup> street until the permanent location on the old soils lab on 78<sup>th</sup> street is remodel.



One of the foreseen issues vegetation will be facing with this move to 78<sup>th</sup> St. is the public access this issue will be address with Facilities and Parks to brainstorm and come up with some viable solutions. The Board agreed the public needs access to the department. (Kevin to follow up)

#### **5. Assessment – Casey/Kevin update**

As previously discussed briefly the possibility of completing an assessment for the vegetation dept. Kevin said that at this point the assessment is not part of the 2017-2018 budget; The county manager's office asked us to do some research and evaluate what is needed and find out what other counties are doing or have in place and what Clark County is currently doing, the research has been completed and the information given to the county managers office, the assessment idea is on hold for now.

#### **6. Budget – Kevin**

Vegetation Management budget was reduced by 300.000 as compared to the 2014-2015 budgets. The decision package submitted for this year's budget has been set up and it includes an allowance to purchase two new vehicles to replace two that we have been using as loners from the shops dept. which are in desperate need of repairs, we are switching to light duty vehicles suitable for inspectors that drive back and forth surveying and inspecting their area, it will also save on gas.

Kevin also reported that the dissolving of the Environmental Services department allowed us to hire more temporary employees to help the inspectors do a little bit more surveying and weed control.

#### **7. Remodel of the Soils Lab**

The remodel of the soils lab which will be the permanent location for Vegetation staff is underway and expected to be completed by the beginning of the year 2017.

#### **8. JK Grant Report - Justin**

Justin reported that the JK season was very successful, regardless of some landowners not responding to our request, and some difficulty with contacting some of the property owners, two notices were sent out with overall a pretty good response ratio.

#### **9. Public Comment -**

Marlene Kavorkias, a resident of Vancouver brought forward a growing concern with bamboo. Casey explained to her that bamboo is not a weed that we control but offer assistance with a management plans that may help her on successfully eradicating her bamboo problem.

#### **10. Year-end Report -**

Casey reported that he is preparing a year-end report for the Board to review and approve that can be sent to the Board of County Councilors (BOCC)

**Next meeting will be on February 13, 2017 at 9:00 am.**

Location TBD.

Submitted by,  
Carmen Reynolds  
Secretary to the Board