

Regular Meeting of the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board

May 15, 2017

Meeting location: Conference Rm-B1

Address: 78th Street Operations Center – 4700 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665

Roll Call: Members Present – Jerry Kolke, Lee Wells, Bill Zimmerman, Randy Lawffer

Members absent: Kent Wright

Quorum present: Yes

Guest/Public present: Councilor Mark Boldt

Staff present: Kevin Tyler, Casey Gozart, Cia Bywater

Meeting called to order by Kolke at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Review and Approval of the meeting minutes from February 13, 2017 meeting. (Jerry)**

Minutes not available at the time of the meeting, however minutes were tentatively approved subject to response from members via email.
- 2. Introduction of Cia Bywater, Field Inspector, Northwest Staffing Employee (Casey/Cia)**

Casey introduced Cia to the board members. Cia briefly explained her credentials and the area that she will be inspecting.

 - Discussion about Wild Chervil (part of the Carrot family) in the area.
- 3. Review of Major Events, year-to-date (Casey)**
 - a. March 8-10, Weed Coordinators Conference
 - Casey declined leadership role in Coordinators Association, but accepted co-chair position in 4-C CWMA.
 - b. March 31, Knotweed Grant RFP
 - c. April 4, Weed Free Twine Delivered
 - Pallets delivered. Members given instructions on how the public would gain access to the twine that they need. Growers will still send payments to WSDA, Olympia.
 - d. April 8, Small Acreage Expo
 - e. April 21, Camas cooperative effort, garlic mustard
 - f. April 22, Earth Day
 - g. April 28-30, Home & Garden Idea Fair
 - h. May 3, 10, CVTV
- 4. Summary of Handouts – Updates and suggestions, and possible feedback (Casey)**
 - a. Updates to Chapter 7 of the Clark County Code
 - Clarifications: weed board term rotation; department name; accuracy of wording.
 - To be in next round of code amendments, soon. Through Planning Commission.
 - b. Clark County Noxious Weed List and details of adoption
 - Final version, based on February adoption.
 - c. List of field mowing and field spraying contractors – Updated list
 - d. Proposed changes to the State for the 2018 list



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- e. Examples of Warning Letter and Violation Letter – Showing members what these letters look like and verbiage associated with each one.
 - What triggers the letter? Complaint from neighbor is not divulged.
 - Letters sent as long as Field Inspector can see it. Can be from private road or property, if invited. Otherwise, from County road. Letter comes from the ‘Weed Board’, not ‘Clark County’.
- f. Priority-based Budgeting.
 - County looking for input from advisory boards such as the Weed Board. Part of process to determine importance of various programs. Noxious weed control is a state mandate, for example. Weed Free Hay/Straw inspections, etc.
 - Letter from Weed Board about importance, state mandate.
 - Discussion about scarcity of weed-free hay and straw in the area.

5. RCW 17.10 changes coming? (Casey)

Problems have arisen from the Eastern side of the state. The process to make any changes to the law is a lengthy cycle. Casey will keep the Weed Board updated on any changes that are being proposed.

6. 2017-2018 Riparian Knotweed Control Project (Casey)

Extra funding available this state fiscal year, to begin surveys. We will survey in June. Project started in 2004.

Are we making headway? Yes, both number of locations and stem count are decreasing.

Timing for knotweed maintenance control is from Mid-August until October.

A question was asked regarding what herbicides are used to control knotweed. Aquatic-approved glyphosate or imazapyr but, where no water is involved, Milestone is successful.

****Next Board Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** Conference Room A-1**

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

May?	Cooperative slenderflower thistle control with WSDOT
May 18	Shillapoo Wildlife Area Advisory Group Meeting
June 5?	East Fork Riparian Knotweed Survey begins (if funding from current fiscal year)
June 14	CWMA Field Day, Tualatin SWCD
July 10	DOC Crew begins ROW Tansy Ragwort pulling
July 17	Weed Board meeting
August 4-13	Clark County Fair – Help Wanted!
August 14-18	Casey on vacation

- Submitted by, Monica Watson



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