

Regular Meeting of the Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board

JULY 17TH, 2017

Meeting location: Conference RM-A1
Address: 78th Street Operations Center
4700 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665
Roll Call: Members Present
Jerry Kolke, Lee Wells, & Randy Lawffer
Members absent: Bill Zimmerman, & Kent Wright
Quorum present: Yes
Guest/Public present: Mark Boldt, BOCC
Staff present: Casey Gozart, Katie Bartholet

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

1. Review and Approval of the meeting minutes from May 15, 2017 meeting. (Jerry)

Lee approved the motion – Randy seconded the approval.

- Casey relayed to Weed Board that Weed Board Minutes and Audio recordings are now posted on the Public Works Web site.

2. Introduction of Katie Bartholet, new Office Assistant in Vegetation Management, (Casey/Katie)

Casey introduced Katie to the board members. Katie briefly introduced herself.

- Discussion about how some would like the gate to be open during business hours so that the public has access to the Vegetation Management office.

3. Updates on Select Weeds (Casey)

a. Class "A" Weeds:

- Slenderflower Thistle – WSDOT (I-5 Median, Battle Ground Exit), Less mowing this year, according to plan.
- Milk Thistle regarding the Columbia Land Trust (CLT): Crane's Landing (White crane habit) – Milk Thistle has mostly been located: Vancouver Lake, Ridgefield, isolated spots along Padden Parkway.

b. Discussion about the Wild Chervil along Kelly Rd, Gabriel Road, and Garner Road (Yacolt Mountain) – All roads, except Garner were sprayed.

c. Poison Hemlock – Staggered Germination – most likely due to consistent temperatures and consistent moisture.

d. Tansy Ragwort –

- Tansy Ragwort overload this year.
- Spoke about Cinnabar moth life cycle and where our county/location is at with the population of moths.
- Informed board that the DOC crew that was scheduled was cancelled (called to assist with wild fires in the gorge)



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- Spoke about getting the word out about tansy control by:
 - i. Possibly getting an article in the Fire Districts newsletters, CPU's monthly invoices, Facebook/website.
 - ii. Spoke about the possibility of getting some signs to put along highways as reminders.
 - e. Hand out of Absinth Wormwood was give out and discussed (Class "C" weed) – reported/located near the East Fork and Vancouver Lake area.
 - f. Clark County Fair Mentioned – Discussed more later in meeting; Fair schedule passed around.
 - g. Casey asked if there were any updates or request from the Weed Board.
- 4. Review of Violates, Civil Infractions (Casey)**
- a. Discussion
- 5. Weed Free Inspection/Forage (Casey)**
- Plan for 2018 – Suggestions?
 - Vegetation Management has had substantially less requests for inspections this year.
- 6. Weed Board Letter to BOCC (Casey)**

**** Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 4th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. ****
**** Conference Room B-1 – 4700 NE 78th Street – Vancouver, WA 98665 ****

Meeting adjourned at 09:50 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

August 4-13	Clark County Fair – Help Wanted!
August 14-18	Casey on vacation
December 4	Weed Board Meeting

- Submitted by, Katie Bartholet



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