



REGULAR MEETING FOR CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD



November 5, 2018

Meeting Location: Conference RM-B1
Address: 78th Street Operations Center
4700 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665
Roll Call: Members Present:
Jerry Kolke, Bill Zimmerman, Randy Lawffer, Lee Wells
Members Absent: Kent Wright
Quorum Present: Yes
Guest/Public Present: Jack Ellis
Staff Present: Justin Collell, Denielle Cowley, Kevin Tyler, Chris Walker

Meeting called to order by Jerry Kolke at 9:06 a.m.

1. **Review and Approval of meeting minutes from July 2nd, 2018 meeting (Jerry)**
 - Motion moved by Bill, seconded by Randy; Approved
2. **Introduction of Justin Collell, Interim Coordinator, and Chris Walker, Office Assistant in Vegetation Management (Justin)**
3. **Weed Board Member Applications for Districts 1 and 5 (Jerry)**
 - Motion moved to accept Randy Lawffer and Lee Wells member applications by Bill, seconded by Jerry; Approved – Kevin Tyler will prepare staff report requesting council to re-appoint
4. **Civil Infractions (Justin)**
 - Timothy Brown – Penalty reduced and paid
 - Michael Defrees – Civil Infraction unpaid – file intent to lien
 - Mark Burton – file Claim of Lien

Jack Ellis – Appealed \$750 Civil Infraction for Bighead Knapweed

- I. Mr. Ellis stated he is following a deadhead program (every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday) and has seven 5 gallon buckets of deadheads
 - II. Mr. Ellis will spray in the Spring and Fall and is committed to controlling the weeds for as long as he lives on the property
- Motion moved to waive fine by Lee, seconded by Bill; Approved – Mr. Ellis was informed that if he fails to control the weeds he will receive the maximum fine of \$1,000.



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5. Updates on select weeds (Justin)

- **Class A**
 - i. **Garlic Mustard** – Fall treatments completed County-Wide, also treated City of Camas
 - ii. **Oblong/Eggleaf Spurge** – Fewer sites than originally noted – Seven sites were Petty Spurge which is not listed – Waiting until later in the season to identify as Petty Spurge blooms much earlier and is smaller – Oblong Spurge takes longer to flower and is yellow at the top
- **Class B**
 - i. **Wild Chervil** – Fall Treatments complete
 - ii. **Japanese Knotweed Grant** – Targeted North Fork of Lewis River due to large infestation (approximately two acres)
 - iii. **Tansy Ragwort** – No civil infractions as homeowners are keeping up with control – signs seemed to help, although some signs had the date changed or smudged out
- **Class C**
 - i. **Longspine sandbur** – New infestation found in Clark County – Sample brought in showing bur – likes sandy soil and has been found at Frenchman's Bar along the water at the southern tip of the park – Small infestations may be pulled using good gloves
- **Control Program for Landowners**
 - Program is going well and is of no cost to the landowner
 - Hold Harmless agreement signed by landowner – limits liability/damage to Clark County – does not protect Clark County if control methods kill arborvitae, grapes, etc. – agreement is good for one year and then landowner will take over – Suggested we give references for spray businesses
 - Control dictated by location - Usual hold harmless control takes about ½ hour – if some locations are steep or difficult the landowner will be responsible due to department time constraints
 - Need to evaluate program and determine if we have resources
- **Control for City of Camas** (Lee Wells requested information)
 - Vegetation Management bills City of Camas for control work
 - Funds from City of Camas go into General Fund and do not fund weed board efforts
 - How can the funds be dedicated back to the weed board?
 - a. Vegetation Management would need to set up their own fund
 - b. Would budget office support this?





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- Update requests from Weed Board
 - Bill requested we be selective on what we control due to budget
 - Lee asked for an update on chemical cost for Vegetation Management and where we source chemicals
 - a. Denielle spends approximately 100k/year on herbicide (this is for the Noxious Weed Control Services Program and Field Inspector Program)
 - b. Herbicide is purchased from vendors using the Washington State Contract (Wilbur-Ellis, Helena Chemical and CPS)
 - c. Vendor is selected based on quantity and cost
 - d. Herbicide is received and stored at 78th St
 - e. Bill mentioned Round-Up Pro is cheaper than knock-off brands – landowners are getting poor results from knock-offs
 - f. Lee mentioned some individuals believe Round-Up is carcinogenic and Kevin said there was a recent court case and he has had several requests for information – OSU extension has a link with compiled data regarding roundup

6. State Weed Board changes to weed list for Clark County (Justin)

- Nonnative hawkweed – undesignate
- Meadow knapweed – undesignate
- Spotted knapweed – undesignate

Board members will not make recommendations to State Weed Board – They will see what the outcome is and then make decisions for Clark County

7. FIP Position requested by Weed Board (Justin)

- County Manager is not recommending this position
- 2019 Budget Hearings (public testimony)
 - I. Tuesday, December 4th, 6pm
 - II. Wednesday, December 5th, 10am – if continued from Dec 4th
- Lee suggested the Weed Board have representation – all should attend with a designated speaker

8. Set meeting schedule for 2019 (Jerry)

- Feb 4, 2019 – 9am – 78th St Conference Center B1
- May 6, 2019 – 9am – 78th St Conference Center B1
- July 8, 2019 – 9am – 78th St Meeting Room A1
- August 5, 2019 – 9am – 78th St Conference Center B1 – Appeal meeting
- November 4, 2019 – 9am – 78th St Conference Center B1



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9. Items from Board

- Bill asked about Himalayan Blackberry control
 - I. Clipping the end and dipping in Round-Up shows mixed results
 - II. Timing is important – be sure to spray right when the berries come on

No Public Comment

Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kolke at 10: 37 a.m.

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, February 4, 2018 at 9:00 am
Conference Room B-1
4700 NE 78th Street
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Upcoming Events:

December 4-5 2018

2019 Budget Hearings (Public testimony)

Submitted by Chris Walker



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