



REGULAR MEETING FOR CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD



February 4, 2019

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, Justin O'Dea
Members Absent: None
Quorum Present: Yes
Guest/Public Present: Leon Goodman
Staff Present: Justin Collell, Denielle Cowley, Kevin Tyler, Chris Walker

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

1. **Review and Approval of meeting minutes from November 5, 2018 meeting (Jerry)**
 - Motion moved by Bill, seconded by Randy; Approved
2. **Election of Officers (Justin)**
 - Chair – Jerry Kolke nominated and elected
 - Vice Chair – Bill Zimmerman nominated and elected
 - Secretary – Chris Walker nominated and elected
3. **Noxious Weed Coordinator Update (Justin)**
 - Justin Collell hired for position – appreciates opportunity and will continue with the good work Casey Gozart was doing
4. **2019 Noxious Weed List Updates (Justin)**
 - Designating Eurasian watermilfoil, *Myriophyllum spicatum*, grass-leaved arrowhead, *Sagittaria graminea*, diffuse knapweed, *Centaurea diffusa*, and purple loosestrife, *Lythrum salicaria*, in Mason County
 - Undesignating hoary alyssum, *Berteroa incana*, in Ferry County
 - Designating Brazilian elodea, *Egeria densa*, in Pacific and Snohomish counties
 - Designating butterfly bush, *Buddleja davidii*, in San Juan and Grays Harbor counties
 - Designating camelthorn, *Alhagi maurorum*, in Walla Walla County.
 - Designating Dalmatian toadflax, *Linaria dalmatica* ssp. *dalmatica*, in Cowlitz, Kittitas, and Franklin counties
 - Designating European coltsfoot, *Tussilago farfara*, in Adams, Lincoln, Benton, and Franklin counties
 - Designating fanwort, *Cabomba caroliniana*, in Grays Harbor County
 - Designating hairy willow-herb, *Epilobium hirsutum*, in Walla Walla County
 - Designating houndstongue, *Cynoglossum officinale*, in Douglas and Franklin counties



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- Undesignating indigobush, *Amorpha fruticosa*, in Skamania County
 - Designating nonnative hawkweed species and hybrids of the meadow subgenus (*Pilosella*) in Ferry County
 - Undesignating meadow knapweed, *Centaurea x moncktonii*, in Skamania and Clark counties
 - Undesignating spotted knapweed, *Centaurea stoebe*, in Skamania County
 - Updating 5 scientific names of noxious weeds:
 - Kochia: *Kochia scoparia* to *Bassia scoparia*
 - leafy spurge: *Euphorbia esula* to *Euphorbia virgata*
 - Himalayan knotweed: *Polygonum polystachyum* to *Persicaria wallichii*
 - Russian knapweed: *Acroptilon repens* to *Rhaponticum repens*
 - tansy ragwort: *Senecio jacobaea* to *Jacobaea vulgaris*
5. Public Hearing opened at 9:15am to adopt Clark County Weed List (Jerry)
- No public comment, hearing closed at 9:16am
6. Board Decision for 2019 Clark County Weed List (Jerry)
- Motion moved by Bill, seconded by Randy; Approved
 - Class A – mandatory/no option
 - Class B – designate the following:
 - Butterfly bush
 - Knapweed, meadow
 - knotweed, Bohemian
 - knotweed, Himalayan
 - knotweed, Japanese
 - Ravenna grass
 - Scotch broom
 - shiny geranium
 - spurge flax
 - yellow nutsedge
 - Class C – designate the following:
 - absinth wormwood
 - babysbreath
 - black henbane
 - buffalobur
 - common tansy
 - fragrant waterlily
 - hairy whitetop
 - hoary cress
 - medusahead





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- Russian olive
- spikeweed
- thistle, bull
- thistle, Canada
- yellow flag iris

7. Board Decision for adjusting 2019 Priorities (Justin/Jerry)

- Tansy control went well – Signs were helpful although the date should be removed – color change for signs needed as the lettering is hard to see
- Weed Free Forage Program – Much less in 2018 so Justin will keep a close eye this year to see if there is a contributing factor
- Computer Programs – Field Inspectors are using three to four programs now rather than one – making it difficult but doing their best – Change is good as far as keeping the data – new version coming out this year
- Justin advocating for the Class A Landowner Assistance Program – Clark County will control the weeds for free for the first year once they sign a Hold Harmless agreement – 2018 was first year for this program and budget available was adequate – 2019 budget is the same and Council is asking each department to look at their budget and make cuts where it makes sense – Treat this like a grant project where we need proof such as photos and video (better tracking) – also have county mower/sprayer list available to landowners for future control – program doesn't grow – also need to look at time spent with one landowner and possibly check on this property for two years after initial control
 - Consensus agreement to retain assistance program
- Create policy that allows us to enter property in question if we have reasonable suspicion – We would provide reasonable notice (same as warning and violation notices) and would work with the Prosecuting Attorney
 - Board would like Justin to write up proposal for May 6th meeting

8. Required Board Training (Justin)

- Slideshow – Open Public Meetings Act
 - Quorum for our weed board is three
 - Member certificates signed and dated

9. Items from the Board (Jerry)

- One lien in process – next step is to record lien and then lien will be converted to delinquent tax
- Vacant position – District 2
 - Need to put out notices – Farm Bureau and Farm Forestry meetings are good places for recruiting



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- Candidates must live in district and produce agriculture (not timber)
- Timeline – by May 6th

Public Comment:

Leon Goodman attended meeting as a guest. He is from Colorado and moved to Washington State about a year and a half ago. He is a commercial applicator and is on the mower/sprayer list. He is giving a presentation at Wilco and would like brochures/control forms to hand out there. He would like to know the needs of the county as well as help residents with control.

Bill Zimmerman toured the Monsanto factory with the American Farm Bureau – they are working on a new product; Roundup in gel form – wipe it on the leaves of the plant

Randy Lawffer mentioned Weyerhaeuser spraying their properties and elk having hoof disease

Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kolke at 10: 50 a.m.

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, May 6, 2019 at 9:00 am

Conference Room B-1

4700 NE 78th Street

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Submitted by Chris Walker



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