



REGULAR MEETING FOR CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD



May 6, 2019

Meeting Location: Conference RM-B1
Address: Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665
Members Present: Jerry Kolke, Bill Zimmerman, Randy Lawffer, Lee Wells, Justin O'Dea
Members Absent: None
Quorum Present: Yes
Guest/Public Present: Leon Goodman, Don Kerkow
Staff Present: Justin Collell, Denielle Cowley, Kevin Tyler, Megan Starks

Meeting called to order by Jerry Kolke at 8:57 a.m.

1. Review and Approval of meeting minutes from February 4, 2019 meeting (Jerry)

Motion moved by Bill Zimmerman, seconded by Lee Wells; Approved

2. WSNWCB update to RCW 17.10/WSDA proposed changes to WAC 16.230, 231, 232 (Justin)

Justin Collell provided the Board with an overview of the proposed changes to RCW 17.10 and WAC 16.230, 231, 232. Summary of changes distributed and discussed. No action was taken. Question from a Board member: What is the process for RCW/WAC amendments?

3. Program Status Updates (Justin)

- Field Inspector vacancy filled with an internal applicant, Jeff Duval.
- Two temporary staff hired and working in field inspection capacity.
- Proposal for Japanese Knotweed Grant submitted.
- Department of Corrections crews will be working to pull tansy for 13-days in July.
- Board reviewed field inspector calendar and outreach events. Noting there have been three outreach events attended recently. Reaching more than 1,000 members of the public on the topic of weed control.
- Board reviewed letter sent to 84 landowners regarding top priority Class 'A' weeds and briefly discussed feedback coming in from landowners. Successful outreach.
- Field inspectors are directed to record "negative surveys" and "unable to survey" data. What this means: 1) for "negative surveys" recordings for previously noticed noxious weeds and unable to locate the same infestation [Class A and B designated noxious weeds only]; and 2) for "unable to survey" recordings for visibility obstructed situation.
- Discussed the importance and emphasis on improving effectiveness and public perception.

4. Update 'Land Management Plan' (Justin)

The board received an update on the Land Management Plan (LMP). The board also explored the idea of including a notice/correspondence in with Clark County *current use* tax statements. Reviewed five-year sample/draft LMP document. The LMP does need to be updated to include 1,000 ft. buffer for ag land per RCW 17.10.154.



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5. PWCAP (Priority Weed Control Assistance Program) Stats (Justin)

Board members reviewed financial statistics for PWCAP.

6. Unsolicited Surveys/Procedure/Change to Warning Letters (Justin)

Board members reviewed documentation dealing with the right-of-entry onto private property per RCW 17.10.160. After discussion/review, Board action was as follows:

- Bill Zimmerman moved to adopt the “warning letter” as presented, updated to include new language (paragraph five (5)), offering the landowner opportunity to join for the survey, as part of the verification process. Paragraph five (5) is read into the record, “When I revisit your property, I might need to enter your property for the verification process as allowed in RCW 17.10.160. If you would like to join me in the walkthrough, please call our office to discuss a good date. I am happy to accommodate you as much as possible.” Lee Wells seconded the motion. The Board unanimously adopted the updates as presented.
- Randy Lawffer moved to adopt the “reasonable notice and survey letter and accompanying procedure” as presented. Brief discussion and review of materials presented ensued. Bill Zimmerman seconded the motion. The Board unanimously adopted the implementation of both letter and procedure as presented.

7. Items from the Board (Jerry)

Public Comment:

- Question from member of the public, Kerkow: Are there education programs landowners can access which are more proactive for better understanding and less enforcement in tone? Staff member, Collell speaks to the positive messaging and outreach efforts Clark County is doing through grant waivers, website updates and social media outlets.
- Member of public comments his company is working to partner with the County as an approved vendor. Requesting a copy of the relevant statutes and learning the goals of the NWCB.

Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kolke at 10: 51 a.m.

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, August 5, 2019 at 9:00 am

Conference Room A-1

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Submitted by Megan Starks



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