August 5, 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:** None

**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 May 6, 2019 meeting (Jerry)**

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

1. **Social Media Outreach – Giant Hogweed (Justin)**

Social media posting of Giant Hogweed “went viral” – This was considered earned media as the TV stations contacted Magan Reed for the story (several news stations as well as into the Seattle area and Better Homes and Gardens magazine) –Justin Collell and Denielle Cowley were invited to present before the county council – The posting doubled the followers to the Clark County Public Works Facebook page

1. **Program Status Updates (Justin)**

* FIP Calendar Review – Tansy Ragwort Season – 7504 lbs of tansy pulled up to this date
  + Corrections crews helping – cost is approximately $300-$400/day which includes 2-3 people and Officer Lewis
  + Best practice is to bag and zip tie
  + Cinnabar Moth – if there are a lot best practice is to pull and lay down in place
* WSDOT – treated many noxious weeds (specifically Rush skeleton) with help – Justin will work on a formal agreement with them over the winter as we would like them to reimburse us
* Japanese Knotweed grant application successful – new limits on treatments
  + Some action this year but most treatments will be done next year
  + New limits require starting point to be the farthest upstream from tributaries – if property owner will not allow us on their property we cannot continue downstream due to WSDA
  + State weed board is interested in enforcing action – if property owner decides to control JK themselves then they need to know what the enforcement will look like as they will need to stop it from propagating
* New infestations of Bighead Knapweed and Oblong Spurge – Rush skeleton seems to be spreading or we are finding it easier this season
* Clark County Fair - Location change this year – we were moved to the blue building and it is not an ideal location – much less traffic

1. **New Software Possible – Fast Entry Form (Justin)**

Fast entry form would be on users preferred device and have large buttons so passenger may enter reports quickly – No need to pull over as form picks up GPS – much safer

1. **Concern with straw used as erosion materials (Justin)**

Handout and emails regarding non-certified material being used for erosion control

* + Storm Water manual should reference certified weed free straw
  + If mandatory people may not be able to find it
  + Current acreage requested – Justin will find out and report back
  + Kara has updates on new growers
  + May want to do spot inspections to see if tansy or thistle are in the material
  + Only open space is required to be weed free - we can send Assessor problem properties – open space Public Benefit Rating System (credit if you have trail, wetlands, etc.) is being presented to council and there is a work session in September

1. **Citation – Camas Crossing LLC (Justin)**

This property owner has been unresponsive in the past (at least four years) so a civil infraction and citation will be issued

* Fines
  + First Year – First citation = $500, Second citation = $500
  + Second Year – First citation = $750, Second citation = $750
  + Third Year –First citation = $1000, Second citation = $1000 (maximum)
* Justin in favor of abatement where deputy time is scheduled and we charge the land owner for control

1. **Items from the Board (Jerry)**

Vancouver Lake issues with milfoil, algae bloom and e-coli – There is a private effort happening with the rowing/sailing clubs and they have moved forward with treatments

**Public Comment:** None

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

**Next Board Meeting:**

Monday, November 4, 2019 at 9:00 am

4700 NE 78th St - Conference Room B-1

Vancouver, WA 98665

Submitted by Chris Walker