November 4, 2019

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room-B1

**Address:** Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665

**Members Present:** Jerry Kolke, Bill Zimmerman, Randy Lawffer, Justin O’Dea

**Members Absent:** Lee Wells

**Quorum Present:** Yes

**Guest/Public Present:** Don Kerkow/River Place Farms LLC

**Staff Present:** Justin Collell, Denielle Cowley, Jeff Duval, Kevin Tyler, Chris Walker

**Meeting called to order by Jerry Kolke at 9:01 a.m.**

1. **Review and Approval of meeting minutes from August 5, 2019 meeting (Jerry)**

Motion moved by Bill Zimmerman, seconded by Randy Lawffer; Approved

1. **State Designation of Himalayan knotweed and Lesser celandine (Justin)**
   * Few properties have Himalayan knotweed – it is not hard to kill and Justin does not see it being a huge impact
   * Lesser Celandine is already being controlled in county parks and storm water facilities – there are a few dozen private properties – It is dormant in the ground most of the year and has a short cycle before producing seeds, making it difficult to control

Comments to the state need to be submitted today. After discussion, no comments will be submitted.

1. **Mower/Sprayer List (Justin)**

After several issues the mower/sprayer list was discontinued for 2019. After discussion the board decided to continue using the list. A set of standards needs to be established and contractors will need to provide business license, pesticide license and insurance information before being added to the list. If standards are not met contractors may be removed from the list. Appeal process discussed.

1. **Field Inspection Program (Justin)**
   * Graph of public education (shows seasonal trends)
   * City of Vancouver – FIP had meeting to discuss standards – city reviewing 17.10 with their attorney to determine their responsibilities
   * WADOT – MOU conversation to recognize the importance of compensation
   * Negative Surveys – Document site eradications for class A weeds – Five years of negative surveys would be considered probable eradication and is a good measurement of the program’s success
   * Unable to survey – Infestation on property documented in past currently cannot be seen – Letter sent out offering help was met with no response – letter stating inspector will be coming out (offering landowner option of being present) responded to – survey went well and relationship with landowner was repaired
   * Japanese knotweed grant from WSDA – Letters will be mailed out soon to those landowners in the project area – Will start with waters of the state
   * Vancouver Lake Milfoil grant – Agreement to write management plan is in place – will apply for grant by December deadline
   * Policeman’s helmet growing in NE corner of county – pulled 157 pounds
2. **Discontinue Inspection Districts (Justin/Jerry)**

Justin would like to dissolve the field inspector districts for these reasons:

* + Uneven work distribution
  + Inspectors are not equally informed when tied to one district
  + Inspector availability

Motion moved by Bill Zimmerman, seconded by Randy Lawffer; Approved

1. **District 2 Vacancy (Justin)**

Justin would like help from the board on this recruitment. He would like to also post the recruitment on NextDoor

1. **Weed Board Meeting Schedule for 2020 (Jerry)**

Schedule meetings for first Monday of February, May, July and November – also schedule an August meeting for any appeals – Chris will set schedule and send meeting invitations

1. **Items from the Board (Jerry)**
   * Bill asked if any Tansy signs were out this year – they were out and there will be more next year – there is also a Noxious Weed sign on 10th Ave the state donated

**Public Comment:**  Don Kerkow/River Place Farms LLC was on the 2019 mower/sprayer list. He did not hear any negativity about our field inspectors from his clients. He said education and rapport are very important.

**Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kolke at 10: 12 a.m.**

**Next Board Meeting:**

Monday, February 3, 2020 at 9:00 am

4700 NE 78th St - Conference Room B-1

Vancouver, WA 98665

Submitted by Chris Walker