



# REGULAR MEETING FOR CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD



July 6, 2020

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room-A1/Teleconference  
**Address:** Operations Center, 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St, Vancouver, WA 98665  
**Members Present:** Jerry Kolke, Bill Zimmerman, Lee Wells, Randy Lawffer, Justin O'Dea  
**Members Absent:** NA  
**Quorum Present:** Yes  
**Guest/Public Present:** Lisa Nelski via teleconference  
**Staff Present:** Justin Collell, Denielle Cowley, Chris Walker, Kevin Tyler, Galina Burley

Meeting called to order by Jerry Kolke at 9:07 a.m.

1. **Call to Order and Review/Approval of meeting minutes from May 4, 2020 meeting (Jerry)**  
Minutes were not reviewed or approved
2. **FIP Update from Coordinator – Pandemic Situation (Justin)**
  - Funding for temporary staff cut
  - Tansy signs up (some already defaced/lost and replaced)
  - Justin working on IAVMP (watermilfoil)
  - Difficult for staff to complete usual workload
  - Focus on class A and Poison Hemlock
  - Good compliance from agencies and private owners
    - I. WADOT sprayed SR14 and I205 – still have some issues
    - II. BNSF – Railroad ROW could face civil infraction
    - III. City of Vancouver Parks – Milk thistle/Poison Hemlock – could receive fine
    - IV. Three private properties will receive fines
    - V. BPA – Significant infestation of Milk thistle/Poison Hemlock at Ross Complex – Justin can forward pictures if interested – crews working on it
  - Tansy Ragwort – proceed with usual enforcement? **Motion moved by Jerry Kolke to continue with Tansy control, seconded by Randy Lawffer; Approved**
3. **Status of other programs across state (Justin)**
  - Two counties have no Weed Coordinator
    - I. Asotin-Not advertising
    - II. Wahkiakum-Trying to fill
  - Vancouver Lake treatment of milfoil July 7-July 10 by Friends of Vancouver Lake
  - Japanese knotweed WSDA grant – will do the most we can for the season
4. **Public Comment (Justin)**
  - No public comments received



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5. **Board Input: review adjustments to FIP, set priorities for FIP during pandemic (Jerry)**
  - Jerry asked about the milfoil grant – Justin explained it doesn't come under the weed board specifically, Weed Coordinator wrote the plan for future recommendations, future efforts informed by the plan, Clark County applied and received a grant for future work on Vancouver Lake, agreement has not been signed
  - Jerry agreed with the guidance Justin read earlier
  - Bill said the adjustments sound good and do the best we can
  - Lee would like monthly updates and Randy said that would be helpful – Justin will provide monthly updates via email
  - Lee said a discussion regarding Tansy will need to happen
6. **Hearing to review prospective board member applications and nominate to Council (Jerry)**
  - Applicant Lisa Nelski – Lisa does not have an agricultural background but grew up around agriculture and knows the consequences of noxious weeds – she has many connections with school districts and can help raise awareness – She is willing to work around her non-ag background and will study when she needs to

**Motion moved by Bill Zimmerman to nominate Lisa Nelski as the District 2 weed board member, seconded by Lee Wells; Approved – Forward to Council**
7. **Items from the board (Jerry)**
  - Weed Free Forage – There are 5-6 producers in process of cutting/baling – there is some new interest in weed free forage as well
  - Randy noticed Cinnabar moth recently – Justin said he has seen them also and mentioned they move a little bit when in the caterpillar stage and move a lot more when trying to lay eggs

Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kolke at 9:35 a.m.

## Next Board Meeting:

November 2, 2020 at 9:00 am

4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St - Conference Room A-1/Teleconference

Vancouver, WA 98665

Submitted by Chris Walker



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## Vegetation Management Field Inspection Program COVID-19 Guidance, April 27, 2020

1. Complete all follow ups on any letters sent in past weeks or any new letters sent. If any rise to the level of violation, send information to Justin and Chris so they are informed. If any violations are not addressed in the specified timeframe and a notice of civil infraction is warranted, send information to Justin, Chris, and Kevin. Justin will make the determination on sending the notice of civil infraction.
2. Continue survey work for any known or new infestations and let the team know if you find new infestations and need to send letters. Priorities right now are all Class A noxious weeds and poison hemlock.
3. Chris has returned to the office full-time and is able to send all letters using normal procedures.
4. All staff triage public inquiry/phone calls as much as possible:
  - a. Any requests for site visits should be pushed off if not Class A or poison hemlock.
  - b. Ask property owner to send you a picture.
  - c. Schedule site visit for 3-4 weeks from now if not imminent.
  - d. Provide flagging in the field for any Class A where warning/violation letters sent if requested by property owner. Permission should be requested for any property with a current warning letter and permission is required for any that do not have a current warning letter.
  - e. Pasture surveys on hold until June 1 and then FIP staff will re-evaluate.
  - f. Weed free forage inspections on hold until June 1 and then FIP staff will re-evaluate.
  - g. Any difficult conversations can be pushed to Justin or up to Kevin.
5. Messaging about Public Inquiries/Responding to Phone Calls has been uploaded to the Vegetation Management website to help inform the community about how we are operating during COVID-19. This information should be evaluated and updated regularly.
6. Obtain Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board guidance on these priorities. Weed board meeting scheduled for May 4.
7. Noxious weed control has been deemed an essential service under the Governor's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Contractors performing these services are authorized to work. Concerns raised by private landowners should be answered in this way.
8. Follow all safety measures identified for Vegetation Management during the COVID-19 response. If you can't maintain social distancing, notify supervisor immediately for reassignment.

