



Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes



Monday, May 3, 2021, 9:11am to 9:46am
Meeting Via Teleconference

Control Board: Jerry Kolke, Bill Zimmerman, Lee Wells, Randy Lawffer, Lisa Nelski, Justin O’Dea*

Clark County Staff:

Parks and Lands: Galina Burley*, Kevin Tyler, Justin Collell, Chris Walker, Denielle Cowley

Guests: None

* Not Present

9:11am Called to Order – Jerry Kolke

Time	Action Item
9:44am	MOTION BY: Bill Zimmerman SECOND BY: Lisa Nelski
	MOTION: Motion to sign MOU with NAISMA to institute inspection of gravel and compost going forward to county councilors and recommend they institute a fee program to offset the cost
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

Time	Action Item
9:45am	MOTION BY: Randy Lawffer SECOND BY: Lee Wells
	MOTION: Motion to adopt Feb 1, 2021 minutes as submitted
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

2) Update on House Bill 1355 – Justin Collell

- a) Bill is at Governor’s desk – most pertinent change for local weed board is in Section 3, line 12 where it says, “At least (~~four~~) three of the voting members shall be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products.”

3) Weed Free Gravel/Mulch Inspections – Justin Collell

- a) Presentation and Standards were emailed to board due to teleconference
- b) Justin explained the program would be like the Weed Free Forage except that Clark County would have an agreement directly with NAISMA rather than using the agreement WSDA has
- c) Inspectors would certify during the growing season
- d) Bill asked if weed free gravel was a concern – Justin explained that we have had requests for certification – we don’t do that although Cowlitz and Skamania counties do
- e) Randy asked if this would add to workload for Vegetation – Justin said it would depend on the interest

- f) The agreement with NAISMA is \$100 annually and could be offset by a fee (this would be the only fee attached to the certification)
- g) Randy asked if the demand would mostly be from the National Forest, not DNR or Clark County and would this make it be required more for other agencies – Justin said he didn't believe Clark County builds it into their contracts and wouldn't know if it would cause more of a requirement – Lisa mentioned it is not a bad idea and would keep weeds from spreading/stop it at the pit
- h) Bill asked about the compost/mulch – Justin is less familiar with this but it would be similar to inspecting for weeds producing seed not getting into the mulch – an inspector could certify but if there were seeds in the past there is no guarantee they aren't there now – inspector's would be looking at the surrounding area – NAISMA would like to keep producers caring for their property and if they continue to do so and opt in for weed free gravel/mulch he is satisfied that it would reduce the weed seeds
- i) Bill asked if this would be a requirement for all compost – Justin said it would only be a requirement for the producers of weed free – those who opt in as it is with weed free forage
- j) Jerry asked about the gravel pits as they are constantly turning over and if overburden would be checked

5) Items from the Board – Jerry Kolke

9:46am Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker, Secretary

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: August 2, 2021
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am
Location: TBD