9:00am Called to Order – Jerry Kolke

**Time** | **Action Item**
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9:02am  | **MOTION BY:** Bill Zimmerman **SECOND BY:** Randy Lawffer

**MOTION:** Motion to adopt May 3, 2021 minutes as submitted

**DISCUSSION:**

IN FAVOR: Unanimous

OPPOSED: None

ABSTAINED: None

2) **Update on House Bill 1355** – Kevin Tyler

a) Language specifically addressing State agencies’ requirement to pay weed assessments.

   a. Clark County does not have a weed assessment – the county pays our group for ROW control work

b) WSDOT has to pay a new assessment per road miles of rights of way.

c) Weed boards and weed districts are specifically identified as taxing districts in RCW 79.44.003

d) The term “tax” is replaced with “assessment” in weed district RCW 17.04 to bring it current with current terminology.

e) The Washington State Weed Coordinators’ Association will hold an advisory seat on the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board.

f) Consistent procedures for filling vacant and expired County weed board seats, done in a specified time period.

g) WSDA has to follow through with complaints from State & County weed boards and weed districts.

h) Broader weed control requirements for Commercial Foresters.

i) State agencies are required to appoint a liaison point of contact for weed boards.

   a. Lee Wells asked if state agencies attended weed board meetings – suggested we send an email to our contacts with the meeting information

j) County Commissioners are required to hold a public hearing to address weed board budget amendment requests.

k) 3 of the 5 weed board directors “shall be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products”, as opposed to the current 4 director requirement. The definition of that term is still open to interpretation since it’s never been challenged.

l) Weed boards can’t be dissolved unless all designated noxious weeds are eradicated.
3) **Tansy ragwort Update** – Jeff Duval  
   a) Low on manpower  
   b) Cannot obtain Larch Correctional teams  
   c) Attempted to use county corrections crews – only available Sat and Sun  
   d) Attempting to calculate pounds of Tansy pulled  
   e) Field Inspectors working on Zone 2/3 before writing letters – 1840 pounds pulled in 24 days  
   f) Spray Truck team could not spray in 2020  
      i) Denielle added the spray truck treated 800 lineal miles of ROW in 2021  
      ii) Some plants did not accept herbicide and high temps pushed seed production  
      iii) Spray truck is successful with thistle control  
      iv) Has treated most areas required – working on Brush Prairie/Hockinson  
      v) Transitioning to Blackberry for site distance once berries drop  
   g) Working on plant experiment  
   h) Complaint of large infestation on Railroad – will shut down Wednesday, Aug 4  
      i) Jeff is seeing a lot of caterpillars  

4) **Weed Free Gravel/Mulch Inspections – Status Update** – Chris Walker/Kevin Tyler  
   a) All on hold due to vacancy  
   b) Kevin is working on vacancy  
   c) Referring landowners to Sue Welch at the state  
   d) May provide weed free next year  

5) **WANWCB asks about noxious weed designation changes survey** – Denielle Cowley/Kevin Tyler  
   a) Survey regarding plants to possibly list as class B rather than class C – results depend on feedback  
      i) Hanging sedge – We may have in the wetlands  
      ii) Rough chervil – We have Burr or Wild chervil  
      iii) Wild basil – have not heard of  
      iv) Common tansy – We have a lot here and it has a different flower and leaf structure than Tansy ragwort  
   b) Survey - Do you support a state-wide DOT noxious weed assessment?  
      i) It is unknown who would collect the assessments  
      ii) In Clark County the Assessor’s office would collect the money  
      iii) The money would go into the general fund and then allocation to our program would go up theoretically  
      iv) At this time, we provide DOT with info such as weed location – there is a good deal of coordination and the funding should offset that  
      v) Lee Wells said the money should be earmarked for weed control  
      vi) Bill Zimmerman said it seems redundant as they are required to control the weeds anyway  
      vii) Lisa Nelski said it would be useful if there were any benefits  

6) **Inula helenium (Yellowhead) found in Clark County** – Denielle Cowley  
   a) Inula is on the monitor list  
   b) Found across from Raspberry Park in Felida in ROW – approximately 20 plants with 190 flowers  
   c) Has been seen in Oregon, California and Stevenson County, Washington  
   d) Social media blast  
   e) Cut flower and treated with Garlon and will try Milestone (glyphosate does nothing)  
   f) Checked adjacent property and new development and found none  
   g) Drainage through ROW – herbicide will not leach into drainage  
   h) Will continue to monitor
7) Aquatic Updates: Knotweed grant, Vancouver Lake, Variable-leaf milfoil – Kevin Tyler
   a) Japanese knotweed
      i) Agreement with WSDA for 25k needs to go to council for approval
      ii) Focus will be on Gibbons Creek and then we will look at other Washougal area streams
      iii) Coordinate with Skamania County and Wildlife Refuge
   b) Vancouver Lake
      i) Friends of Vancouver Lake (FOVL) treated milfoil and surveyed lake
      ii) Clark County helped WDFW survey – data is being compiled
      iii) No milfoil appeared in Vancouver Lake and Lake River, but was seen in the flushing channel
      iv) Curly-leaf pondweed is present in Vancouver Lake and Lake River
   c) Variable-leaf Milfoil
      i) Vegetation Management has requested to apply for a grant for 50k for the Warren-Seely Reservoir
      ii) Considered early infestation and would treat/survey up and down stream

8) Items from Board – Jerry Kolke
   a) Community member inquired as to why Arum italicum was not designated for control
      i) Originally thought to be on the monitor list – since meeting it was discovered it is a class C
      ii) It is very hard to control/kill – nothing seems to work
      iii) Widespread in Clark County
      iv) Sold as an ornamental
   b) Lisa Nelski commented that volunteer weed removal is taking a back seat to trash pickup due to homeless encampments

10:00am Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker, Secretary

Upcoming Meeting:
Date:         September 13, 2021 (Appeals only, if any)
Time:        9:00am to 11:00am
Location:    TBD