



Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes



Monday, November 7, 2022, 9:04am to 9:59am

Meeting held at 4700 NE 78th Street, Conference Room B1, Vancouver, WA and via Microsoft Teams

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

Clark County Staff: *Parks and Lands:* Kevin Tyler, Justin Collell, Chris Walker, Daniel Miles, Rocky Houston

Guests: None

* Not Present

9:04am Called to Order – Jerry Kolke

Time	Action Item
9:05am	MOTION BY: Randy Lawffer SECOND BY: Bill Zimmerman
	MOTION: Motion to adopt August 1, 2022, minutes as submitted
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

2) Status Update of Field Inspection Program – Justin Collell

a) Staffing/Training

- i) Justin has completed most of the basic training for the new Field Inspectors, John Wilson, and Daniel Miles
- ii) John and Daniel need to be certified for weed free forage through NAISMA – Justin will be working on this

b) Tansy ragwort

- i) About 18 Tansy signs disappeared – we still have approximately 40 left

c) Grants

i) Variable Leaf Milfoil – Warren Seely Reservoir

- (1) See map – green dots are where we surveyed and didn’t find any, red dots are where it is likely
- (2) We are using the grant to survey, and it won’t take too much of the money – most of the money will be used for treatment
- (3) State has committed to follow through with more money with an early infestation grant
- (4) Justin does not know how fast it can spread but that he expects to see it in areas that are used for recreating such as kayaking and canoeing – there could be seeds or fragments on boats

ii) Knotweed

- (1) See map – green dots are areas surveyed with no knotweed, green hash marks are signed waivers, yellow are conditional and red are refusals to survey
- (2) We are doing as much treatment as possible this year
- (3) Justin will try to utilize the county drone for steep areas for safety purposes – Bill asked if we can use the drone to fly over properties where the landowner has refused to sign the Permission to Enter Property waiver, and Justin has not broached the subject yet with those landowners

iii) Tree of Heaven/Spotted Lanternfly

- (1) Plan to record more survey locations in next two weeks before leaves drop

- (2) State is putting more emphasis on spotted lanternfly as it destroys stone crops and tree-of-heaven is the preferred host – unsure if it can reproduce without the tree
- (3) Spotted lanternfly is in ten states on the east coast
- (4) Justin believes the state can possibly supply a lot of money, but the concern is:
 - (a) Talking to landowners about killing trees on their property
 - (b) What will treatments look like?
 - (c) How much time can we put toward this effort?
- (5) Lisa asked if there were other non-profits we could connect with, and Justin said he would like to see that idea from WSDA – there are other grant programs such as the Watershed Alliance partnering with the City of Vancouver but there are restrictions due to gifts of public funds
- (6) Lee asked if Justin could supply pictures of tree-of-heaven and milfoil so he could get the word out in Ridgefield and bring up at the city council – Justin will be thinking about avenues of outreach

3) Update on proposed state noxious weed list changes – Feral Holly – Justin Collell

a) Amendments to WAC 16-750-003, WAC 16-750-011, and WAC 16-750-015

- i) No changes effect Clark County
- ii) Language regarding Feral Holly – distinguish between it and English/Christmas holly so it doesn't impact that agriculture
- iii) Spreads by berries and by limbs touching the ground and rooting
- iv) Feral Holly is a class C which each county can then choose if they want to designate for control – this provides more options for weed boards
- v) If you have any questions, please let Justin know and he can pass on to the State Coordinator
- vi) Bill asked if English Holly is sterile, and Justin said not to his knowledge and can become feral
- vii) There are several cultivators and most English Holly is still viable and troublesome
- viii) Discussion about how to treat it – county uses Garlon4 for brush

4) Meeting Schedule for 2023 – Jerry Kolke

- a) No change – board agreed to quarterly meetings, first Monday of February, May, August and November at 9am at the 78th Street Conference Center B-1

5) Items from Board – Jerry Kolke

- i) Board would like pictures of tree-of-heaven and milfoil for the Feb 6th meeting for ID purposes
- ii) Justin pulled up pictures of each week and gave a quick tutorial – he also suggested using the state noxious weed website as they have many pictures available

6) Public Comment – Justin Collell

- a) Justin read the following comment received via email from Dan Kienow, “Thanks to Chris Walker who took time on two occasions to discuss issues of tansy ragwort. The informational handout was excellent and was shared with neighbors as most thought it was St Johnswort . We live in a gated community and others ask why is it dangerous if we have no livestock or agriculture(cows,dogs,cats don't eat it due to taste) Since the inspection was due to a neighbor calling a concern, it is unfortunate that they could not share their knowledge with us. Maybe mailing the handouts to adjoining neighbors , newspapers, online social media,etc to spread the info??

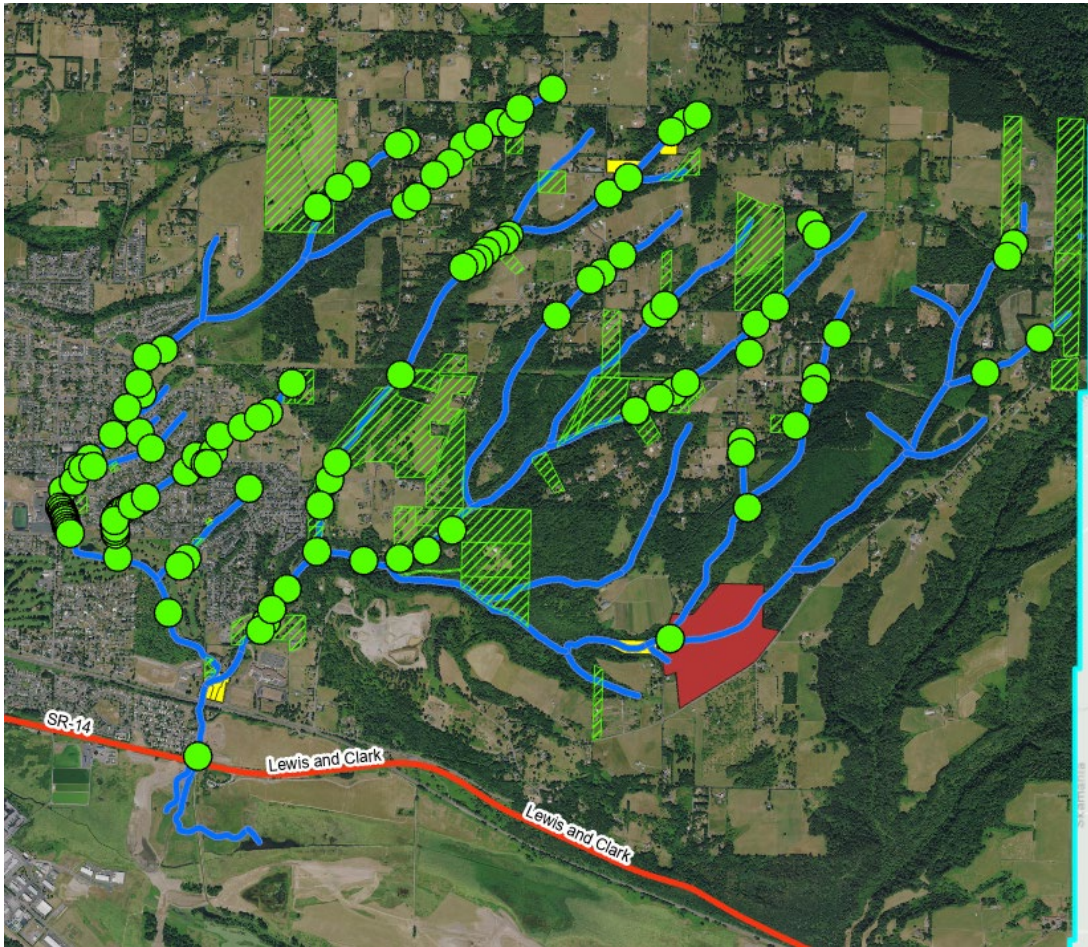
9:59am Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker, Secretary

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: February 6, 2023
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am
Location: 4700 NE 78th St. Conference Room B1 and Microsoft Teams

Knotweed



Variable-leaf milfoil

