



Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes



Monday, August 4, 2025, 9:07am to 10:13am

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

Control Board: Bill Zimmerman, *Lee Wells, Randy Lawffer, Cheri Vonne Emery, *Justin O'Dea

Clark County Staff: *County Lands Management:* Kevin Tyler, Justin Collell, John Wilson, Daniel Miles, Joyce Anderson, *Chris Walker

Guests: Don Kerkow, Clarence Goff

* Not Present

9:07am Called to Order/Roll Call – Justin Collell

Time	Action Item
9:09am	MOTION BY: Randy Lawffer SECOND BY: Vonne Emery
	MOTION: Motion to adopt May 5, 2025, minutes
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

Time	Action Item
9:13am	MOTION BY: Vonne Emery SECOND BY: Randy Lawffer
	MOTION: Motion to nominate and recommend Clarence Goff to Clark County Council as the District 4 weed board member
	DISCUSSION:
	IN FAVOR: Unanimous OPPOSED: None ABSTAINED: None

5) FIP Updates – Justin Collell

- a) Old business
 - i) Pressed plants have worked very well, Live plants hard to manage
 - ii) State Weed Board added Holly that is now a class C and possible for designation in Clark County – If you want to include it we need to adopt it as we do the weed list
- b) Tansy Signs – Put up about 30 signs along county roadsides and many were taken, discussion about Cinnabar, pulling as a control method, Tansy in Camas (Vonne will bring up to City Council, especially Dorothy Fox Elementary)
- c) Roundleaf bittersweet – Has not been treated yet
- d) Variable-leaf Milfoil – Treatment was not successful in a few sites, could be due to different rates or more plant matter, Justin may use contractor to re-treat – Has been to Warren Seely and plants look pretty healthy, when blueberry farm is finished for the season, we should be able to treat
- e) Knotweed – No news about a grant yet, if we don't get funding Justin would like to keep track of what we've treated
- f) Outreach Events: Clark County Fair – Very busy opening shift
- g) Civil infractions – About four so far with no repeat offenders, Justin would like to work on weed abatement process, Randy asked if Justin has any authority over the Cowlitz Tribe and he does not, we only forward information to them

6) Submitted Public Comment – None

7) In-person Public Comment – Don Kerkow asked what to use to take care of Ivy/Holly – for homeowners you can weed-eat and then wait for new growth to treat, Justin recommends pelargonic acid, also recommends you don't cut the holly tree down but rather treat in place and then be sure it's dead

8) Items from Board – Bill Zimmerman

- a) Bill noticed Heritage Farm is very busy with construction right off Cougar Creek and he is wondering if they are going to control what comes up due to disturbing the soil. Kevin said there is a planting plan.
- b) Don Kerkow requested that Daybreak have some weed control – will pass on to Parks staff
- c) Clarence asked what options landowners have when their neighbors won't control their weeds – Justin recommends trying to talk to neighbors first or offering to help. If knotweed is not in a riparian area we don't have the bandwidth to enforce it. If it's Tansy, we can survey and send letters. Landowners can invite county to see weeds from their property. We don't use the drone for enforcement purposes. You can also use Community Mediation if it's not enforceable by our department.
- d) Bill Zimmerman asked about spray drones – Justin knows of a couple and John spoke with someone last year who was trying to get started with it

10:13am Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

Upcoming Meeting:

Date: November 3, 2025
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am
Location: 4700 NE 78th St. Conference Room B1 and via Microsoft Teams