



# Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes



Monday, August 1, 2022, 9:05am to 10:24am

Meeting held at 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> 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 Ebert, John Wilson, Daniel Miles, Theo Strawter

**Guests:** Gene Jones

\* Not Present

**9:05am** Called to Order – Jerry Kolke

Time	Action Item
9:06am	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Randy Lawffer <b>SECOND BY:</b> Lee Wells
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt May 2, 2022, minutes as submitted
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

**2) Status Update of Field Inspection Program – Justin Collell**

**a) Clark County Fair**

- i) Fair is coming up after two years
- ii) Our booth will include Lifesize Giant hogweed poster, plants for reference and educational information
- iii) Will be in the large exhibit hall
- iv) Will be keeping a tally of visitors

**b) Staffing/Training**

- i) Justin introduced our new Field Inspectors; John Wilson, Daniel Miles and Theo Strawter

**c) Tansy ragwort**

- i) Tansy signs are out
- ii) Tansy flower heads are being weighed – not at the same level as previous years due to training
- iii) Seeing some Cinnabar moths – they lay eggs on one-year plants. They are not great at controlling/cannot rely on biocontrol to comply with the law
- iv) Should be pulled/bagged to keep from seeding, burning is an option depending on burn bans, designating a waste area, and piling up until bans are over is acceptable, can bury under several feet of dirt
- v) Mowing stops weeds now but is not a good long-term solution
- vi) Should spray in the fall and spring
- vii) Many reports form the public via email, telephone and online submission form

**d) Grants**

**i) Variable Leaf Milfoil – Warren Seely Reservoir**

- (1) Some developments – certain we have at least one more infestation and in process of confirming with DNA – will share results

(2) Discussion with Gene Jones regarding grant – anglers/waterfowl could be the culprit, may viable seeds, tight leaf buds can float down, seeds can also sink and may stick to things and germinate in water, there is a native species that is similar

(3) Justin is confident treatment will happen next year – after treatment you may see yellowing/twisting on other plants and they will grow out of it, native milfoil will be gone, need to closely coordinate with Townsend Farms

**ii) Eurasian watermilfoil in Vancouver Lake**

(1) After treatment watermilfoil appears to have been eradicated

(2) Justin expects it to be in the flushing channel, Lake River, and Burnt Bridge Creek

(3) Not actively scouting other bodies of water – it is in the Columbia River and slow-moving water

(4) Lisa will ask the Watershed Alliance to check for milfoil

**iii) Knotweed**

(1) Waiver/permission to enter forms mailed out – form is not popular due to boilerplate

(2) Not very effective as there is no guarantee to survey/treat all properties – must stop control efforts downstream when landowner doesn't sign waiver

**iv) Tree of Heaven/Spotted Lanternfly**

(1) Data sent to WSDA

(2) State interested in likely introduction points

(3) Clark County was the only county on the west side to accept the grant

(4) WSDA interested in treatment – unsure of how much time our staff can devote

**e) Weed Free Forage**

i) Certified a few fields this season – did not need to turn anyone away

ii) Justin dedicating 10 hours per work week

iii) Staff need to be certified

**3) Items from Board – Jerry Kolke**

i) Lisa mentioned the Garlic Mustard at the skate park – she talked about the VINE program

ii) Bill mentioned a battery style backpack sprayer – Justin will look into it

iii) Lisa asked about knotweed volunteers and Justin explained it is an issue with the licensure – they would need to be under someone's chemical license and herbicide use around water requires an aquatic license, also the county has moved away from injecting knotweed unless it's hanging over the water – there are other events such as holly

**4) Public Comment – None**

**10:24am Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by Chris Walker, Secretary

**Upcoming Meeting:**

**Date: November 7, 2022**

**Time: 9:00am to 11:00am**

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