



# Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes



Monday, February 6, 2023, 9:10am to 10:21am

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, Rocky Houston

**Guests:** Don Kerkow

\* Not Present

**9:10am** Called to Order/Roll Call – Jerry Kolke

Time	Action Item
9:12am	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bill Zimmerman <b>SECOND BY:</b> Randy Lawffer
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt November 7, 2022 minutes as submitted
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

Time	Action Item
9:14am	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bill Zimmerman <b>SECOND BY:</b> Randy Lawffer
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to re-elect Jerry Kolke as Chair
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

Time	Action Item
9:15am	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Lee Wells <b>SECOND BY:</b> Randy Lawffer
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to re-elect Bill Zimmerman as Vice-Chair
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b>
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

Time	Action Item
9:54am	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Bill Zimmerman <b>SECOND BY:</b> Randy Lawffer
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt changes as presented on the clarification handout
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b> See notes regarding handout
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

Time	Action Item
9:58am	<b>MOTION BY:</b> Jerry Kolke <b>SECOND BY:</b> Bill Zimmerman
	<b>MOTION:</b> Motion to adopt 2023 Clark County Noxious Weed Control Board Weed List
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Randy asked about holly–language regarding feral holly was not approved at the state level
	<b>IN FAVOR:</b> Unanimous <b>OPPOSED:</b> None <b>ABSTAINED:</b> None

- 4) Announcement regarding Justin O’Dea and WSU Extension – Justin Collell**
- a) Email from Justin O’Dea stating, “WSU has been asking me to refrain from the weed board meetings and some other meetings where I serve as an Ex-Officio and to move on to an "as-needed" basis, because my position is overloaded.”
  - b) Kevin asked Justin to attend the first meeting of each year, as the most important meeting of the year, since this ex-officio membership is in the statute. Justin said his position is overloaded but can be made available.
  - c) Lisa concerned that county boards are being dismissed and Kevin explained that if there is a concern we need to reach out to WSU Extension
- 5) 9:20am - Public Hearing opened for community members to give testimony about state-listed noxious weeds for board to consider – Jerry Kolke**  
**9:20am – Public hearing closed – No oral or written testimony**
- 6) Adopt Clark County Noxious Weed List with specific language – Justin Collell**
- a) Justin provided handout at end of minutes
    - i) Butterfly Bush language decision: Control is not mandated unless weeds are within 100 feet of a natural waterbody
    - ii) Canada thistle/bull thistle language decision: Control is not mandated unless weeds are within 100 feet of a neighboring property that is producing agriculture
    - iii) Eurasian watermilfoil language decision: Control is mandated unless weeds are within 100 feet of the Columbia River
    - iv) Meadow Knapweed control/language decision: Yes-control, Yes-use same language as Canada/bull thistle
    - v) Shiny Geranium control/language decision: Yes-control, Yes-Use same language as Canada/bull thistle
- 7) FIP Update – Justin Collell**
- a) More to come on feral holly language
  - b) Changes to weed list at the state level did not affect Clark County
  - c) Variable-leaf milfoil (VLM) update:
    - i) DNA tests confirmed milfoil is not Eurasian
    - ii) Appears to be a hybrid of VLM and native western water milfoil
    - iii) State will decide if they want to list the hybrid as a class A
    - iv) Montana State University said the DNA tests are valid, but results could be a variation of the same species, and this could be a native plant doing something abnormal – there is only one gene difference
    - v) Justin will coordinate with the State Weed Board and Department of Ecology as this is the first hybrid documented and may change what we commit to in the future
    - vi) Don asked how much harm the hybrid would cause, and Justin said he is very new to this plant – sometimes Justin has observed these plants forming a monoculture and sometimes they don’t spread across a whole pond.
  - d) Tree-of-Heaven update:
    - i) Justin met with the City of Vancouver and other Citizen Scientists who are interested in responding to this invasive species
    - ii) Looking into next steps such as control work and what we can do to reduce the threat of Spotted Lanternfly and Tree-of-Heaven as well as using mapping data to mitigate risk
  - e) FIP is still working on other items and there is a possibility of contracting with a different staffing agency for seasonal staff

**8) Items from Board – Jerry Kolke**

- a) Bill Zimmerman shared information from the Salem Agricultural show; asked about drone spraying

**10:21am** Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Chris Walker

**Upcoming Meeting:**

**Date:** May 1, 2023

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

**Location:** 4700 NE 78<sup>th</sup> St. Conference Room B1 and via Microsoft Teams

**Clarifications on Selecting Noxious Weeds for Control in Clark County**

**Butterfly Bush:** “Control is not mandated unless the weeds are within 100 feet of a natural waterbody.”

**Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle:** “Control is not mandated unless the weeds are directly neighboring a property that is producing agriculture.”

**Eurasian Watermilfoil:** “Control is not mandated within 100 feet of the Columbia River.”

**Meadow Knapweed:** Should this weed still be selected for local control?

Yes  No

Should the language be the same as for Canada thistle?

Yes  No

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**Shiny Geranium:** Should this weed still be selected for local control?

Yes  No

Should the language be the same as for Canada thistle?

Yes  No