



REGULAR MEETING FOR CLARK COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD



February 3, 2020

Meeting Location: Conference Room-B1
Address: Operations Center, 4700 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665
Members Present: Jerry Kolke, Bill Zimmerman, Lee Wells
Members Absent: Randy Lawffer
Quorum Present: Yes
Guest/Public Present: Don Kerkow, Kevin Dobbins, Leon Goodman
Staff Present: Justin Collell, Denielle Cowley, Chris Walker

Meeting called to order by Jerry Kolke at 9:15 a.m.

1. Review and Approval of meeting minutes from November 4, 2019 meeting (Jerry)
Motion moved by Bill Zimmerman, seconded by Lee Wells; Approved
2. Election of Officers (Jerry)
 - Chair – Jerry Kolke nominated and elected
 - Vice Chair – Bill Zimmerman nominated and elected
3. Presentation of Updated Bylaws and vote (Justin)
Bylaw changes include:
 - Deleting field inspector jurisdictions
 - Deleting fines filed by field inspectors
 - Clark County Commissioners changed to Councilors
 - Department of Environmental Services changed to Vegetation Management
 - Meeting address updated to 4700 NE 78th St
 - Attachment A updated dates
 - **Bill Zimmerman moved to adopt updated bylaws, seconded by Lee Wells; Approved, will take effect May 4, 2020**
4. District 2 Vacancy – Possible impact from SB6401/HB2697(Justin)
 - Senate Bill 6401 may have an impact on our vacancy as the bill proposes that at least three (rather than four) of the voting members be engaged in the primary production of agriculture
 - Senate Bill 6401 proposes that in case of a vacancy the position must be filled in the manner prescribed in this section (per handout)
5. Other Details From SB6401 and HB2697 (Justin)
 - See handout below





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6. Introduction of the 2020 WSNWCB Noxious Weed List (Justin)

- Class A – mandatory/no option
- Class B – the following were designated last year:
 - Butterfly bush
 - Knapweed, meadow
 - knotweed, Bohemian
 - knotweed, Himalayan
 - knotweed, Japanese
 - Ravenna grass
 - Scotch broom
 - shiny geranium
 - spurge flax
 - yellow nutsedge
- Class C – the following were designated last year:
 - absinth wormwood
 - babysbreath
 - black henbane
 - buffalobur
 - common tansy
 - fragrant waterlily
 - hairy whitetop
 - hoary cress
 - medusahead
 - Russian olive
 - spikeweed
 - thistle, bull
 - thistle, Canada
 - yellow flag iris

7. Public Hearing opened at 9:27am to adopt Clark County Weed List (Jerry)

- Leon Goodman – Commercial Applicator interested in latest weed targets – would like to act as liaison between Weed Board and residents – does not cut seed heads off or bag them and does not think this is necessary
- Lee Wells – Spraying and killing doesn't mean it will not come back
- Don Kerkow – A mature field of tansy that is ready to drop seed cannot just be sprayed – the seed heads must be disposed of
- Don Kerkow – Himalayan blackberry impacting fields – Justin explained this is not on the list as it is so prevalent – Kevin Dobbins stated that it impacts berry fields and Bill Zimmerman said it is impacting his crops as well – Kevin Dobbins is of the opinion





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that if you can't control the weeds on your land then you should not own the land – can it be treated as Canada and Bull thistle – what about a buffer?

- Don Kerkow – Please consider designating Wild Carrot as it can impact neighboring fields – Justin explained that some Wild Carrot is grown commercially and is used in floral arrangements – Denielle mentioned designating Wild Carrot would be a large hit to the county as far as funding goes
- Leon – He uses a pre-emergent and sometimes has to spray 2-3 times – says the pre-emergent kills seeds that have been in the ground for a long time
- Don Kerkow – Any advancement on Japanese Knotweed? Justin explained that we have taken it down to just a fraction of what it was in 2010 – it's very good at holding on and the canes can float downriver – the emphasis at the state level and the grant is to attempt eradication at the farthest upstream points so it does not float downstream

Public hearing closed at 9:53am

8. Board Decisions Needed: (Chair)

- Board selects class B or C species from the state list to require local control – Board decided to keep the list the same as 2019
- Vote to adopt 2020 Clark County Noxious Weed List
 - I. Motion moved by Lee, seconded by Bill; Approved

9. Items from the Board (Jerry)

- No items

Meeting adjourned by Jerry Kolke at 9:55 a.m.

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, May 4, 2020 at 9:00 am

4700 NE 78th St - Conference Room B-1

Vancouver, WA 98665

Submitted by Chris Walker



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RCW 17.10 provides for the creation of the state noxious weed board, activation of county noxious weed boards, the state noxious weed list, landowner responsibilities in noxious weed control, and the ability of employees of the state weed board, county weed boards, or WSDA to carry out the noxious weed law. The changes in this draft are primarily technical changes regarding internal processes with the intent to improve the ability of the state noxious weed board, county noxious weed boards, and WSDA to carry out their duties and authorities assigned under this chapter.

RCW 17.10.010 (4) Updating the definition of “Owner” to include deed parcels, right-of-ways, and undefined lots.

RCW 17.10.010 (12) Addition of the definition of “Parcel”- means real property having a parcel number or deeded real property, right-of-way, undefined lot, or a lot having a legal description.

RCW 17.10.030 Addition of a **state** noxious weed board non-voting technical advisor appointed by a statewide association representing county noxious weed coordinators.

RCW 17.10.050 (1) Insuring consultation between county noxious weed control boards and county legislative authority pertaining to board member appointment. **Decreasing the requirement from four to three board members required to be engaged in the primary production of agricultural products.** Updating verbiage from “chair” to “director” of the county extension office.

RCW 17.10.050 (2) Adding the statement “If the county legislative authority fails to appoint a nominee within the thirty-day period, the nominee will be appointed by the county noxious weed board” to insure appointment of members to the county noxious weed boards.

RCW 17.10.050 (4) **Clarifying process in which a vacant board position must be filled.**

RCW 17.10.060 (1) Insuring that county weed board employment practices are consistent with county policies. The word “comply” was changed to “consistent” to emphasize board autonomy yet consistency with county policies. Also updated pesticide license requirements for county noxious weed coordinators.

RCW 17.10.070 Adding a **state** noxious weed board Education Specialist exempt position.

RCW 17.10.074 (2) Adding section (2) under the WSDA director’s powers which require action to be taken upon receipt of a complaint pertaining to uncontrolled infestations of regulated noxious weed species within in a county jurisdiction. The “may” in this section was changed to “must” to emphasis the required actions.

RCW 17.10.100 Technical verbiage edits

RCW 17.10.140 (2) Restructured section, adding control requirement of class B and C selected for local control noxious weed species for forestland owners within a two hundred foot buffer of all roads unless properly abandoned, navigable rivers, gravel pits, log yards, and staging areas.





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The intent is to insure that noxious weed infestations are not being spread via these vectors including but not limited to shade tolerant species.

RCW 17.10.145 (1) Added that agencies must appoint a liaison for noxious weed control. Agencies are already required to develop noxious weed plans. The intent is to have a specific contact person(s) within each agency and help insure interagency communications.

RCW 17.10.145 (3) Added section (3) to insure noxious weed assessment payments to the county noxious weed board from state agencies which own or manage lands within that county.

RCW 17.10.235 Technical verbiage edits

RCW 17.10.240 (1) In regards to a county noxious weed board petitioning for a hearing regarding their budget, the word "shall" was changed to "may" because this is optional and not required if the board does not want to request a hearing. The time limit of "thirty days prior to the adoption of the county budget" was added to give boards adequate time to adjust their budgets before adoption.

RCW 17.10.890 Describing the process by which a county noxious weed board may be deactivated, emphasizing the absence of class A or class B noxious weeds within the county.

RCW 17.10.890 (3) The "shall" in this statement was changed to "may" because after a hearing the deactivation of a noxious weed board is still optional and not required.

These changes to RCW 17.10 help insure the purpose of this chapter; limiting economic loss and adverse effects to Washington's agriculture, natural, and human resources due to the presence and spread of noxious weeds on all terrestrial and aquatic areas in the state (RCW 17.10.007).

