



Approved August 15, 2023

Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2023

PRESENT	Directors:	In Person: Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Via Zoom: Jesse Nelson (Vice Chair), Jan Lee-Weinberg, Joan Zuber
	Associate Directors:	Via Zoom: PK Melethil
	Directors Emeritus:	Via Zoom: Mike Weinberg
	Staff:	Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Chris Lapp, Sam Leininger, Cathy McQueeney, Heather Nielson, Jenne Reische, Rebecca Sinichko
	Partners:	Kim Galland, Stephanie Payne (Natural Resources Conservation Service).
	Guest:	Joe Matteo (Beavercreek Hamlet)
NOT PRESENT:		

1 – CALL TO ORDER and ACCEPT AGENDA / PUBLIC COMMENT / DIRECTOR REPORTS / MANAGER’S REPORT ON COMMITTEES

- A. **Call to order** – Chair Becker called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 4:02 p.m., in the Clackamas SWCD conference room at 22055 S Beavercreek Rd, Beavercreek, Oregon.
 Chair Becker asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. There were no requests for changes or additions, the agenda stands approved as presented.
- B. **Public Comment** – No public comment was given.
- C. **Director reports** –
 - Director Fantz reported he was harvesting gooseberries and currants.
 - Director Guttridge reported he was done haying, many hay crops are light due to this year’s weather conditions.

- D. Partner reports** – Partner Galland with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), introduced Stephanie Payne who is the new Urban Small Farms Conservationist. Stephanie is attending the meeting to become more familiar with the District. Galland reported to the Board that Ron Alvarado, the State NRCS Conservationist is retiring at the end of August, and Corey Owens, the Assistant State NRCS Conservationist will also be leaving.

Galland noted she is wrapping up contracting, getting her planners out on the ground, and waiting to see what the future holds.

- E. Manager’s report on committees** – Director Lapp reported that the Equity Team met on July 5, 2023, and Staff McQueeney would report later in the meeting.

2 – MINUTES

- A. July 18, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes** – July 18, 2023, minutes were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve the July 18, 2023, minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Review and accept financial reports** – In a recorded report Staff Tucker reviewed the financial statements for the June 30, 2023, month, and fiscal year-end closing. Tucker noted that the total assets for the District were at \$11.5 million and total liabilities were at \$6.3 million, leaving the District with net assets of 5.2 million. Income for June 30, 2023, was \$609,670.44 and expenses for the same period were \$521,136.91.

Director Johnson arrived at 4:30 p.m.

Tucker also reviewed the capital outlay for fiscal year 2022/2023 which included a new vehicle, a tractor, a security system, and a new roof on the shop building. Also purchased was a new seed drill which is being paid for with grant funding.

Tucker also reviewed the fiscal year 2022/2023 statement of activities.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the financial reports as presented. The vote was as follows; In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Disbursements** – In a recorded report Staff Tucker reviewed the disbursements. The disbursement list checks were numbered 101533 to 101581, with no breaks or voids in the sequence. Check # 101540 was a reprint of a check voided the previous month, it was written to an incorrect vendor. Checks totaled \$ 237,239.01, with \$123,816.20 from the conservation fund.

Tucker's recording also reviewed the Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payments. The total for the ACH payments was \$507,322.91. This included payments to Zion's bank for construction loans and the Eagle Creek Community Forest, contractor payments for septic system repair loan, and the regular monthly billings.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve the Disbursement Lists as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. Septic System Grant Program update** – Staff Nielsen reported on the DEQ grant for septic system repairs. Nielsen reported that the program has currently allocated \$530,000 of the \$715,000 earmarked for repair services. She currently has 18 signed grant applications, and four waiting for bids. Nielsen has also spoken with four applicants regarding the Regional Conservation Partnership Program Wildfire grant that is available to people who were affected by the 2020 wildfires. If applicants had to repair or replace their septic systems and the work was done after March 3, 2021, they may be eligible for this grant. One applicant replaced their system before March 3, and another was approved to use their existing system, but built a new one in a different location, neither of these applicants were eligible for the grant.

5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- A. Final Strategic Plan update** – District Manager Lapp presented the public version of the Strategic Plan. He asked that the Board members review the plan and let him know if there were any changes or additions that needed to be made. If he did not hear from the Board members by July 28, 2023, the plan would be sent to the printer. Copies will be provided to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners and the outside partners that were interviewed during the process. Copies are available via email, or a printed copy to the public upon request.
- B. Equity Team report** – Staff McQueeney reported that the Equity Team met on July 5, 2023, and that 12 of the 15 members were present for this important work. The Team met to review the focus tool. District Manager Lapp has met with the Management Team to review the tool and discuss how it will be used. Members of the Equity Team will be participating in committees to use the focus tool and help the Board and staff with equity development.

Presentation – PK Melethil – Urban Ecological Research Consortium

Associate Director Melethil gave a presentation on the Urban Ecological Research Consortium Symposium that he attended. The main topic of discussion was rehabilitating ecosystems and wildlife corridor connectivity. There was also a focus on local monitoring.

Associate Director Melethil asked the Board to approve his mileage to the Grand Ronde Educational program that he plans to attend on August 25, 2023. The Board approved this reimbursement.

- C. Board Development Options** – Chair Becker asked the Board if they had ideas for committees that might be needed to implement the strategic plan. Directors suggested a work session to discuss ad hoc committees that will work independent of the board meetings.

Chair Becker and District Manager Lapp noted that they wanted staff representation on these committees and that District Manager Lapp would appoint staff. It was also suggested that these committees would be a good place to bring in possible associate directors and community members to get them involved.

- D. Section 4.3 of Board Duties and Responsibilities Manual** – Chair Becker asked the Board to review section 4.3 of the Board Duties and Responsibility Manual. Section 4.3 reads as follows:

"The Board may create ad hoc committees as needed to assess the needs of the District, evaluate existing programs and/or facilities, recommend long-range goals and plans, or any other needs as determined by the Board. Any ad hoc advisory committees formed will operate for such time as needed to accomplish the assigned purpose and may be discharged after their recommendations to the Board, or at any other time at the discretion of the Board."

The Board may delegate authority to form committees as needed to the District Manager."

Chair Becker would like to clarify whose responsibility it is to appoint committees. Several Directors noted that in the past this authority had been given to the District Manager, however, it was the Board Chair who has the authority to appoint committees. The District Manager appoints committees relating to the daily business of the District and those committee meetings are not public meetings. The Board of Directors did feel that it was in the best interest of the District that the Chair should consult with the District Manager and ask for volunteers. Chair Becker asked the Board to vote whether the last line of the policy should be struck.

Directors Johnson/Guttridge moved/seconded to strike the last sentence "The Board May delegate authority to form committees as needed to the District Manager" from section 4.3 of the Board Duties and Responsibilities Manual. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

6 – PERSONNEL

- A. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) request** – District Manager Lapp reported that a 4.5% cost of living adjustment had been budgeted for the Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Lapp noted that he had hoped to have a pay administration plan in place, but it was more complicated than anticipated and was taking more time to make sure it was sound and valid. Only a few items are left to complete this project. Lapp asked the Board to approve the 4.5% COLA request effective July 1, 2023.

Director Guttridge declared an actual conflict of interest and abstained from conversation and voting on this subject.

Directors Fantz/Johnson moved/seconded to approve the requested Cost of Living Adjustment of 4.5% effective July 1, 2023. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Abstaining: Guttridge. Motion carried.

7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS

- A. **Clackamas River Basin Council** – Staff Kilders reported that the registration was open for the Clackamas River Basin Council’s annual meeting and dinner. Director Lee-Weinberg and Director Emeritus Weinberg asked permission to attend this function. The cost of the dinner is \$65.00 each.

Directors Fantz/Johnson moved/seconded to approve Director Lee-Weinberg and Director Emeritus Weinberg to attend the Clackamas River Basin Council annual meeting and dinner, and to pay for their registration. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Board of Directors Officer elections** – Chair Becker asked if any of the current slate of officers wished to step down, or if any of the other board members wished to serve as an officer.

Directors Johnson/Lee moved/seconded to re-elect the current slate of officers. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Senate Bill 775 update** – Director Lee-Weinberg spoke about the history of Senate Bill 775. In 2019 a public member asked her representative to change the law regarding landownership/or management qualifications to hold a soil and water conservation district board directorship. The change would allow any registered voter to run for a board director position. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission polled districts and over 70% of them were against this change. There are ways that any member of the public can qualify to run for a position without the restriction of owning or managing land. The Soil and Water Conservation Commission asked a small group of people from both sides to come together and produce an alternative plan. When members of this group did not like the solutions that were proposed they moved forward without a consensus to convince the representatives to change the qualifications. Only two people testified in favor of this bill, and 8 to 9 conservation districts and other public members testified against the proposed change. The next opportunity to make changes to the bill will probably be in the 2025 legislative session, but the better opportunity will be in the 2026 session. Lee-Weinberg noted that many of the legislators thought that Soil and Water Conservation Districts were the only special districts with a requirement of land management/ownership. There are other special districts that also have these restrictions. Suggestions are the qualifications need to include education, background in conservation and other land use qualifications, work in conservation-based employment.
- D. **Portland Water Bureau water treatment plant update** – Director Nelson reported that at the end of June the Multnomah County Hearings Office held a meeting regarding the proposed water treatment plant in east Multnomah County. The Cottrell Community Planning Organization, the Pleasant Home District, and 30 to 40 members of the community including members of the Oregon Nursery Association, 1000 Friends of Oregon, the Gresham/Barlow School District, and the local fire district showed up to give testimony in opposition of the siting

of the water treatment plant. There is a 30-day open comment period in place.

The Portland Water Bureau states that there will be no impact on agriculture or increased traffic in the area. However, it was pointed out that they wish to remove two million tons of ag soil, and that they will be hauling the soil and equipment, building materials, and workers through public access roads. The hearing process is slated to be concluded by September 21, 2023.

Director Johnson included his letter from the Department of Agriculture in the Board packet. Johnson was impressed by the testimony of the opponents of the project. They were concise, factual, and to the point regarding their opposition. Johnson noted that the Portland Water Bureau applied for eminent domain to install a construction road and emergency access road. Clackamas County denied the construction road but gave permission for emergency access. The Hearing Officer told the City of Portland that they must address the issues and concerns in the Department of Agriculture's letter. KGW news has been covering this issue.

E. Management reports – Education and Outreach/WeedWise

- **WeedWise** - Staff Sinichko presented a PowerPoint regarding her work in the Sandy River Basin. Sinichko showed slides of the Lolo Pass hawkweed project and spoke about the ongoing treatment of policeman's helmet that was treated in June. Sinichko also prepared a mailing for knotweed treatment that was sent out early in July. Please see the PowerPoint slides and the WeedWise report which are a part of these minutes.
- **Education and Outreach** – Staff McQueeney presented a PowerPoint regarding the District's support of the local Farmers Markets in Clackamas County. McQueeney visited all of the markets that receive grants from the District, to see how they use the provided funds, and to make sure they had signage regarding the District. Most markets use District Funds to fund their kids' programs (Power of Produce and Young Entrepreneurs). Please see the PowerPoint slides and Outreach report which are a part of these minutes.

8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING

- A. Shop Office Space bid results** – Staff Faucera reported that the call for bids on the office buildout closed on June 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. The District received five (5) bids. On July 5th, 2023, Staff Faucera, Liszka, and DM Lapp reviewed the bids, Director Guttridge reviewed the bids electronically and provided feedback. Faucera presented the qualifying bid from Buildskape. Buildskape had the lowest responsive bid, and a review of references was favorable. Staff Faucera asked that the board approve the bid for a not-to-exceed amount of \$261,422. Faucera asked that the Board also authorize District Manager Lapp to negotiate and enter into a contract with Buildskape. Faucera noted that there might be some value-added cost adjustments during the negotiation of the contract.

Director Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to award the Conservation Resource Center Shop Office Retrofit public improvement contract to Buildskape, LLC in the amount of \$261,422., contingent upon the successful negotiation of a contract with Buildskape, LLC. The Board also authorized District Manager Chris Lapp to sign a contract with Buildskape, LLC. in the amount not-to-exceed \$261,422. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee-Weinberg, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

9 – OTHER REPORTS

- Staff Guttridge asked if any Board members wanted to attend the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts' annual meeting on October 16 through the 18th. Directors Becker, Guttridge, Lee, and Zuber asked to attend. Directors Johnson and Fantz said they needed to check their calendars and would contact Staff Guttridge the next day. Associate Director Melethil asked to attend. Staff Guttridge said she would be making room reservations and registering board directors when she heard from Directors Johnson and Fantz.
- Director Johnson reported that the Land Trust Alliance would be holding a meeting in Portland this year. The dates are September 6 to 9, 2023.
- Director Johnson noted it was good to see pictures of Klickitat County in the WeedWise report, as he had worked in that area for many years.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting will be on August 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge
Office Administrator

Education and Outreach Report July 2023



Web Posts

Since last we met, we have posted 22 articles on our website:

- [Meet Joan Zuber, Clackamas SWCD Zone 4 Director](#)
- [It's Oregon Invasive Weed Awareness Week!](#)
- [May is Wildfire Awareness Month](#)
- [June Invasive Weed of the Month: Policeman's Helmet](#)
- [Clackamas SWCD Equipment Rental Program](#)
- [Our Weed Tool Library has New Tools!](#)
- [Cover Crop Field Day](#)
- [Web Accessibility Statement](#)
- [Celebrate National Pollinator Month with These Tips!](#)
- [Forest Conservationist \(INTERMITTENT TEMP\) Position Announcement](#)
- [It's National Pollinator Week: June 19-25, 2023](#)
- [Weekend Wildfire Warriors: Immediate Zone](#)
- [Managing Your Manure: Making Compost](#)
- [Weekend Wildfire Warriors: Intermediate Zone](#)
- [Managing Your Manure - Using Your Compost](#)
- [Clean Your Boots to Protect Our Natural Areas](#)
- [Threatened and Endangered Plants List Updated](#)
- [Conservation Resource Center Re-Opens](#)
- [Residential Septic System Repair and Replacement Program](#)
- [Weekend Wildfire Warriors: Extended Zone](#)
- [July Invasive Weed of the Month: Puncturevine](#)
- [Small Farm School 2023 is Just Around the Corner](#)

Clackamas County Farmers Market Season is in Full Swing!

This March, the Board of Directors approved \$13,000 in Farmers Market Partnership Support Grants to eight farmers markets located within Clackamas County. As part of their grant requirement, markets are asked to display our signage, post our logo on promotional materials, share information about the District's many programs at their information table and via social media, and to use the funds provided as specified in their grant application.

In June, Staff McQueeney visited each of the markets to deliver new sign and tabling materials and to chat with agricultural producers and market managers about the District. This is also a good opportunity to observe if the markets are honoring their grant obligations. Many of the producers are familiar with CSWCD and were happy to see us once again supporting the markets, but there are always new folks who are thrilled to learn of the services we offer.



Producer Workshops a Success!

To address the need expressed in the November 2022 survey sent to producers in Clackamas and Multnomah Counties our District partnered with East Multnomah SWCD to offer three workshops and a field day. Our focus was on tools and practices to improve soil health and help producers survive extreme weather challenges. Registration was large, but as we are finding post-COVID, many folks do not show up. However, we had a respectable size audience of 11 to 17 at each workshop.

We offered:

- **Soil Health Principles that Improve Farm Operations**
- **Raptors and Beneficial Insects - Alternative Pest Control**
- **Weather and Climate Data for Farm Planning and Management**

Our best-attended event was the **Cover Crop Field Day**. This event drew 33 producers and conservation professionals. We were hosted by two local hazelnut producers, Matt Kaser (Sublimity Hazelnuts) and Greg Satrum (Satrum Farms) who both employ cover crops in their orchards but used different species of vegetative cover. The interest was keen, great conversations ensued, and lots of connections were made. We hope to continue the momentum and offer more workshops and field days in the fall.



Farewell to Clair!

On Wednesday, June 14th, we held a celebratory send off for our dear friend and colleague Clair Klock who provided over 20 years of service to the District and the community. Partners from around the Lower Willamette Region joined us in wishing him a happy retirement.



Happy Summer!



July 14, 2023

WEEDWISE UPDATE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS (JUNE-JULY)

RE: WeedWise Program Update



Tansy Ragwort: Weed of the Month

This month we are highlighting tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*) as our [July Weed-of-the-Month](#). This toxic weed has a long history in Clackamas County as one of the noxious weeds that was once regulated under the now defunct Clackamas County Noxious Weed Control District. It continues to be one of the most unpopular weeds in Clackamas County.

The bright yellow flowers of tansy ragwort are in full bloom and our phones and emails are filled with a steady stream of concerns from local residents. The 2023 field season is looking like a much better year for the impacts of the [tansy ragwort flea beetle](#). The drier springs help to maximize mortality of flea beetle infested plants. Likewise, the cinnabar moth populations are up compared to previous years.

With the tansy ragwort flowers blooming in fields and roadsides across the county, we are working to increase awareness and encourage landowners to take action to prevent additional spread. The WeedWise program—with much help from Tami—will be preparing a tansy ragwort brochure mailing to target problematic areas of the county.

These efforts will hopefully raise awareness and improve the management by local residents to protect livestock and local agricultural producers.



Summer Treatments, Surveys, and Technical Assistance.

Early summer is a transitional time for the WeedWise Program when we shift from our spring targets to our priority summer weeds. In the past few weeks, WeedWise staff have been focusing on orange and meadow hawkweeds, policeman's helmet, false brome, giant hogweed, oblong spurge, sulfur cinquefoil, shining geranium, rush skeletonweed, and puncturevine, among others.

In the past two months, the WeedWise program *documented 87 new priority weed observations, and carried out 248 new noxious weed treatments.*

To round out the garlic mustard season, Justin had a crew out to treat a large, isolated garlic mustard infestation in the Ladd Hill area near Wilsonville. This massive population is spread throughout a network of open spaces and natural areas across multiple properties. This population is one of the upstream-most infestations within the Willamette mainstem. As such it is a high priority for treatment.

Recently, Justin has been working on oblong spurge treatments, gorse, and puncturevine, among others. This season Justin is seeing a huge uptick in puncturevine. This is surprising considering that he has been treating this infestation for several years. The infested property recently went through a generational shift in farm management. The apparent changes in operations on the property have resulted in a rapid expansion of puncturevine. Justin will be working with the landowners to try and bring the infestation under control.

Justin has also been treating weeds at several locations at the Conservation Resource Center, and coordinating with Gus to make sure the fields and natural areas are maintained.

Monte has also been very busy targeting false brome, sulphur cinquefoil, policeman's helmet, rush skeletonweed, orange hawkweed, oblong spurge, shiny geranium, and giant hogweed, among others. He has been managing multiple crews simultaneously up and down the Clackamas. Monte has also been coordinating work in the upper portions of the Clackamas impacted by the Riverside Fire.

Monte has started planning additional summer treatments and is starting to think about Fall projects. He is coordinating with CRISP Partners and Forest Services staff on a number of different projects occurring throughout the Clackamas Basin.

Bee has been busy implementing meadow and orange hawkweed treatments in the Lolo Pass area and has been treating a growing orange hawkweed infestation in Welches that is being spread by residential mowing equipment. In addition, Bee has started policeman's helmet implementation along the Salmon River that they are coordinating work with contractors.

Bee has also been planning aquatic knotweed treatments in conjunction with our partners from East Multnomah SWCD. We are partnering with East Multnomah SWCD to treat knotweed along the main stem of the Sandy River from the Salmon confluence down to the Clackamas County line. The work will be implemented using kayaks to access the knotweed. In preparation for this late summer effort, Bee developed a permissions mailing targeting nearly 300 landowners along the river. With great assistance from Tami, the mailing went out on Friday.

Sam has been fielding a number of requests for technical assistance. Since June, Sam has responded to 39 technical assistance requests focused on plant identification and management. Requests have included questions about tansy ragwort, Himalayan blackberry, Japanese knotweed, tree-of-heaven, Scotch broom, foxglove, black locust, orange hawkweed, garlic mustard, poison hemlock, salsify, spurge laurel, yellow flag iris, birds foot trefoil, English ivy, Japanese butterbur, tumble mustard, and yellow rattle, among others.

The yellow rattle call is of particular interest because it is a relatively new problem species to our area, which is suddenly exploding as a problem for hay producers in and around Sandy. This plant is normally known as a rarely encountered native parasitic plant, but has recently been known to invade hay lands, causing a massive reduction in productivity and palatability. Sam is coordinating with the landowners and will be directing information to the ODA noxious weed program for review and assessment.

Views from the Field



Crews gridding the Ladd Hill area for garlic mustard



A newly discovered infestation of garlic mustard in the Ladd Hill area.



Bee at an informational sign at the Lolo Pass PCT trailhead.



Orange hawkweed in bloom in the Clackamas Basin



Bee scouting for hawkweeds in the BPA Powerline corridor near French's Dome



False brome in flower in the Clackamas Basin



The row of single hairs along the leaf margin is a good indicator for false brome



A large infestation of false brome invading oak understory in the Clackamas Basin.



Summer CRISP Meeting

The WeedWise program recently hosted our summer Clackamas River Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) Meeting. The hybrid meeting was a great opportunity for partners to discuss current projects, new observations, field operational concerns, outreach activities, and plans for the fall season ahead.

The WeedWise program was joined by partners from Northwest Oregon BLM, Clackamas County Parks, Clackamas River Basin Council, Columbia Land Trust, Metro, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation, Oregon State Parks, and Portland General Electric.

During our meeting we discussed some of the project planning activities for this coming fall, and the current status of funding as we close out some of funding agreements. Partners are looking to add some additional project implementation to address a small potential surplus as we close out the grants.

Monte shared our WeedWise update of field activities underway including documentation of treatments on 248 sites totaling 149 gross acres. These treatments targeted 19 high-priority noxious weeds. Of the 248 treatments, Monte was responsible for 97 of those treatments himself! Great work Monte!

We also discussed an additional funding request to the PGE administered Clackamas fund for an additional \$540,000 to support ongoing CRISP implementation. Sam will be presenting to the Clackamas Fund review committee on July 18th in support of the CRISP.

Partners had an opportunity to talk about the immense amount of ongoing work in the Clackamas Watershed is astounding! A review of our draft annual report documents shows that CRISP partners invested \$252,627 in CRISP-sourced funding and documented an additional \$407,688 in kin-kind contributions. Many thanks to everyone involved in this effort!



Mt Hood Agreements

The WeedWise Program was recently awarded two new contracts to support noxious weed control efforts on the Mt Hood National Forest. The first agreement was awarded **\$792,000** to support weed control efforts associated with infrastructure work underway on the Mt Hood National Forest. This agreement will fund an additional WeedWise Specialist and two seasonal field staff over the next 5 years. It will also offset the cost of a new work truck for the District to safely transport personnel into remote areas of the county.

The funding will also support contracted services to manage large infestations on the national forest. The focus will be on prevention and rapid response before and after major ground disturbance. As a result, we will be able to target many more common weed species to help facilitate recovery following the Riverside Fire, and the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.

We will be moving forward with the recruitment of another WeedWise Specialist as soon as possible, with the hopes of bringing someone on before the end of the field season. This will provide an opportunity to see some fall weed control, before launching into winter project planning and reporting. Recruitment for seasonal staff will wait until next spring.

A second agreement for **\$250,000** will support noxious weed control efforts associated with the Riverside Fire. These funds have a narrow implementation timeline, so we will have to be aggressive with implementation, but these timely resources will allow us to target some more common noxious weeds that we would normally not have resources to target.

In the coming months, we be coordinating with Forest Service staff to prioritize targets and begin implementation to protect our natural areas and recreation sites. Activities associated with planned infrastructure project will require careful coordination.

The Mt Hood National Forest has also been designated as a [National Priority Landscape](#). This designation will bring a significant commitment to fuels reduction and fire resiliency to the forest.



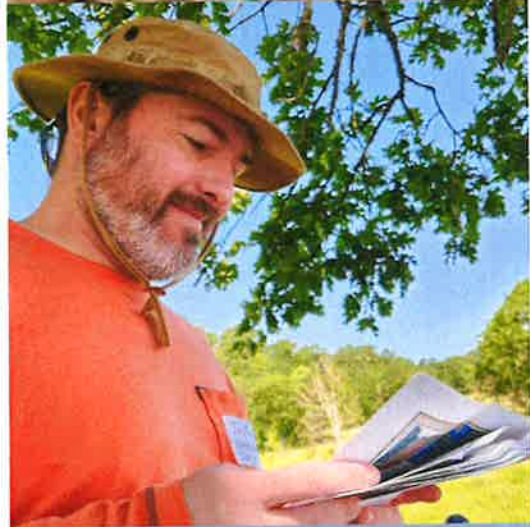
Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plant Training

Recently, the WeedWise Program joined the Planning Team to participate in a Rare, Threatened, and Endangered plant training hosted by NRCS Plant Materials Botanist, Kathy Pendergrass. This was a great opportunity for new WeedWise staff to learn how to identify some of the sensitive Willamette Valley prairie species. It was also a great refresher for our experienced team members. We had a great opportunity to learn some of our more difficult genera including the checker mallows, lupines, and larkspurs.

It was also a treat for Sam to visit Baskett Butte, which was one of his restoration sites from his undergraduate Honors Thesis working on the threatened and endangered Kincaid's lupine and Willamette daisy.

Views from Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Training







Lolo Pass Hawkweed Treatments

The WeedWise program the hawkweed treatments this season in the Lolo Pass powerline corridor. Bee has been coordinating with partners from Oregon Dept of Agriculture, Mt Hood National Forest, Portland Water Bureau, and Bonneville Power Administration.

Throughout much of June, Bee has been coordinating contracted weed control crews to grid the project areas. The Lolo pass project area covers some very rugged terrain within the BPA powerline corridor running through national forest, and industrial forest lands in two counties.

This year has certainly been a challenge as we work to orient Bee to the project scope and scale. This is no small feat. The Lolo Pass control work is large scale and logistically complicated. Bee has done a great job of taking on these new responsibilities and in keeping the effort moving forward. They have done a great job of keeping us on track, especially given the nearly 15 miles of powerline corridors associated with this project!

It is also important to acknowledge the immense amount of work of our partners that have brought their expertise and institutional knowledge to this project. Our ODA Noxious Weed Program partners have been invaluable as Bee has worked to gain familiarity with the project.

The Lolo Pass work has always focused on orange and meadow hawkweed treatments, but as survey and control efforts have progressed over the years, several other high priority noxious weeds including sulphur cinquefoil, ribbon grass, and false brome have been identified in the corridor. Bee has worked to manage these other priority invasives.

Bee is also happy to report that observations are continuing to decline in the corridor.

Many thanks to Bee for highlighting the Lolo Pass management effort for our July WeedWise program update and presentation.



4 COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area



4-County CWMA

Website development

The 4-County Cooperative Weed Management Area has continued progress in the redevelopment of its website to better serve CWMA partner organizations. A [mockup of the new website](#) has been developed by [Redblind Media](#) and is currently being reviewed by the 4-County CWMA committees. Efforts continue across all of our committees to support his effort. We are excited about this new resource.

Committee Meetings

The Four County CWMA recently hosted our Mapping and Data, Outreach and Education, and Technical Committee meetings. These committee meetings are where many of the work products for the CWMA are developed. Recordings of these meetings are currently available at the links below.

- [Mapping and Data](#)
- [Outreach and Education](#)
- [Technical](#)

4-County CWMA Field Day

Registration for our summer field day is now open! This field day will be hosted by our partners in Clark County, Washington. We will explore some of Clark County's most interesting management sites to celebrate this year's Field Day! This year we will kick things off at Vancouver Lake, where we will wake up with some coffee before exploring watermilfoil mitigation efforts along the lake's southern bank. Then we will refuel at Camp Bonneville before embarking on a site visit where we will discuss forestry, noxious weeds, and selective herbicide use.

[Register for the event before it fills up!](#)

Columbia Gorge CWMA

Columbia Gorge General Meeting

The Columbia Gorge CWMA hosted its first hybrid general meeting this past month. This was the first in person CWMA meeting since the onset of COVID pandemic. The hybrid meeting was held at the OSU Extension Experiment Station in Hood River. The meeting focused on targeted grazing, partner project highlights, small grant projects, and planning for our annual field day. It was great to see people in person and have them welcome our new CWMA Coordinator Bee!

CWMA Field Day

The Columbia Gorge CWMA hosted its first Field Day in several years. This year we were able to take a tour of some of the favorite sites of recently retired Klickitat County Noxious Weed Coordinator, Marty Hudson. The field day included a tour of the Klickitat trailhead, Crawford Oaks, Horsethief Lake, Dancing Rock, Dalles Mountain Ranch, to see some of Marty's long-term management efforts. Enjoy the photos below or see [all the photos from the day on the online Field Day Album](#)



Voucher Approval List

7/10/2023

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
				Subtotal: \$

7/18/2023

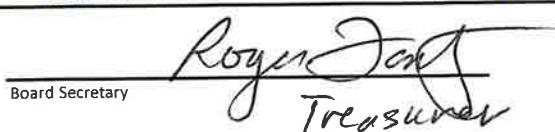
7/10/2023	101533	Abila	Acct: C004075 Cloud Mgmt 07/2023	\$ 375.00	
7/10/2023	101534	AFLAC	Acct: LGF14 07/2023	\$ 1,040.37	
7/10/2023	101535	Nicole Ahr	Reimbursement: Mileage 06/2023	\$ 36.48	
7/10/2023	101536	American On Site	CSWCD: SRL-7024 [50%] 06/2023	\$ 6,400.00	
7/10/2023	101537	A Act Fast Locksmith	CSWCD: Site Svcs [Rpr] 06/2023	\$ 120.00	
7/10/2023	101538	Jeff Becker	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 200.00	
7/10/2023	101539	Buel's Impressions Printing	CSWCD: Printing [B/C] 07/2023	\$ 39.00	
7/10/2023	101540	Clackamas County	CSWCD: ROS Filing [BVRCR] 06/2023	\$ 450.00	
7/10/2023	101541	Clackamas River Water	Acct: 032327-00 Water 06/2023	\$ 1,444.94	
7/10/2023	101542	Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts	CSWCD: Annual Dues FY 23-24	\$ 3,500.00	
7/10/2023	101543	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 CRC/USDA 07/2023	\$ 1,569.00	
7/10/2023	101544	Clackamas Dept of Finance	CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 07/2023	\$ 29,389.50	
7/10/2023	101545	D Franco Contracting Inc	WW-2022-03 CRISP 06/2023	\$ 8,559.46	
7/10/2023	101546	Drew Donahue	Reimbursement: Mileage/Supplies 06/2023	\$ 47.05	
7/10/2023	101547	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: SRG-7905 FINAL 07/2023	\$ 22,030.00	
7/10/2023	101548	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: SRG-7907 FINAL 07/2023	\$ 43,540.00	
7/10/2023	101549	Scott Eden	Reimbursement: Mileage 06/2023	\$ 40.61	
7/10/2023	101550	Roger Fantz	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 150.00	
7/10/2023	101551	Garmin Services, Inc	Acct: DL627537 06/2023	\$ 70.30	
7/10/2023	101552	Geosyntec Consulting Inc	PNW0494 Monitoring 06/2023	\$ 4,072.33	
7/10/2023	101553	Donald Guttridge	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 171.22	
7/10/2023	101554	Integrated Resource Management	WW-2022-05 CRISP 06/2023	\$ 52,164.46	CF
7/10/2023	101555	J Franco Reforestation, Inc	WW-2022-06 [2023-RS-02] LoloPass 06/2023	\$ 44,310.27	CF
7/10/2023	101556	James Johnson	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 150.00	
7/10/2023	101557	Kubota Tractor Corporation	RE: 230316EQP-001 Tractor 06/2023	\$ 51,460.22	
7/10/2023	101558	Christopher Lapp	Reimbursement: Mileage 06/2023	\$ 35.37	
7/10/2023	101559	Jan Lee Weinberg	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 150.00	
7/10/2023	101560	MassMutual Life Insurance Company	Acct: 76453 EE Life 07/2023	\$ 649.50	
7/10/2023	101561	Matrix Video Production Inc	CSWCD: Videography Svcs [Riparian] 06/2023	\$ 7,260.00	
7/10/2023	101562	Catherine McQueeney	Reimbursement: Mileage 06/2023	\$ 84.43	
7/10/2023	101563	Mosaic Ecology, LLC	WW-2022-08 CRISP 06/2023	\$ 6,770.84	CF
7/10/2023	101564	Mr Rooter Plumbing	CSWCD: SRG-7909 Lateral [50%] 06/2023	\$ 15,493.21	
7/10/2023	101565	Jesse Nelson	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 100.00	
7/10/2023	101566	Northwest Local Government Legal Advisors, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Legal] 06/2023	\$ 495.00	
7/10/2023	101567	Oregon Association of Conservation Districts	CSWCD: Mbr 07/2023	\$ 7,500.00	
7/10/2023	101568	OCEAN	CSWCD: Mbr 06/2023	\$ 360.00	
7/10/2023	101569	Oregon PERS	ER: 8043 07/2023	\$ 15.00	
7/10/2023	101570	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0345641-000 05/2023	\$ 212.60	
7/10/2023	101571	PGE	Acct: 9606754531 06/2023	\$ 918.03	
7/10/2023	101572	R&R Contracting, Inc	WW-2022-10 CRISP 06/2023	\$ 9,291.97	CF
7/10/2023	101573	Rockwest Training Company, Inc	CSWCD: AED 05/2023	\$ 1,365.78	
7/10/2023	101574	Rebecca Sinichko	Reimbursement: Supplies 06/2023	\$ 74.49	
7/10/2023	101575	Sound Native Plants Inc	WW-2022-11 CRISP 06/2023	\$ 4,070.76	CF
7/10/2023	101576	Spire Technologies, Inc	CSWCD: IT Managed Svcs 07/2023	\$ 2,494.00	
7/10/2023	101577	Springwater Grange #263	CSWCD: Supplies 06/2023	\$ 38.00	
7/10/2023	101578	T-MOBILE	Acct: 961602090 06/2023	\$ 597.34	
7/10/2023	101579	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	Acct: 86928-4679 06/2023	\$ 1,074.58	
7/10/2023	101580	Wild Habitat Contracting, LLC	CSWCD: Contract Svc [NRCS EQIO] 06/2023	\$ 6,707.90	CF
7/10/2023	101581	Joan Zuber	CSWCD: Stipend 06/2023	\$ 150.00	


Subtotal: \$ 337,239.01

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Total Conservation Fund \$ 123,316.20


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