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**Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2020**

**This meeting was held via "Go to Meeting". All participants attended virtually.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>Directors:</b>	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary), Jim Johnson, Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair), Joan Zuber
	<b>Associate Directors:</b>	
	<b>Directors Emeritus:</b>	
	<b>Staff:</b>	Nicole Ahr, Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Sam Leininger, Cathy McQueeney, Eann Rains, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker
	<b>Partners:</b>	
	<b>Guest:</b>	Alexa Hayes, John Keith, Anna Rankin, Maja Rohling
<b>NOT PRESENT:</b>		

**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 4:00 p.m., June 16, 2020, via "Go to Meeting" web/conference call, originating from the Clackamas SWCD office at 22055 S Beaver Creek Rd, Beaver Creek, Oregon.  
 Chair Becker asked to add item 7F to the agenda regarding a public statement from the Board regarding the current Black Lives Matter movement.
- B. Public Comment** – No public comment was given.
- C. Director reports** – Director Guttridge commented that he was waiting for the weather to turn so that he could make hay.
- D. Partner reports** – No partners were in attendance.
- E. Manager’s report on committees** – Acting General Manager (AGM) Kilders reported that the Finance Committee had met on June 2, 2020 and would report later in the meeting. The Building Committee has been communicating via e-mail and will also report later in the meeting.

## 2 – MINUTES

- A. **May 19, 2020, Public Hearing minutes** – The minutes of May 19, 2020, Public Hearing were presented. The Board Secretary had reviewed the minutes.

Director Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020, Public Hearing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **May 19, 2020, Board Meeting minutes** – The minutes of May 19, 2020, Board Meeting were presented. The Board Secretary had reviewed the minutes.

Directors Lee/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the minutes of May 19, 2020, Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

## 3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker reviewed the May 2019 balance sheet and profit and loss statement with the Board. The District had a total of \$10.8 million in assets and 7.4 million in liabilities as of the end of May. Expenses for May are down, mostly due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and were \$157,000. Total revenues received in May were \$37,606 from taxes, interest, and a grant.

Directors Fantz/Zuber moved/seconded to approve the May 2020, financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker presented the June 2020 disbursements to the Board. Tucker reviewed the Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments. The payments are for payroll, checking account fees, and the MasterCard billings.

Check numbers for June were 100200 to 100252 with check numbers 100216 to 100231 voided due to miss-printing. Check number 100242 was voided due to being issued to an incorrect vendor. Tucker noted that the District had made the first principal payments on the Conservation Resource Center (CRC) and the Eagle Creek Community Forest, and the final payment to P&C Construction for the CRC. The final two Farmers Market Support Grants were also included in the June disbursements.

Disbursements totaled \$539,952.75, with \$24,900.37 from the Conservation Grants Fund.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the June 2020 disbursements. Motion carried unanimously.

## 4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **Proposed Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) account transfer and closure** – Staff Tucker asked the Board to consider transferring money out of two LGIP accounts, closing one of three accounts, and re-naming one of the accounts. Tucker would like to transfer \$135,296.49 out of the reserve account to the savings account and close the reserve account. The reserve account dollars were spent out of the savings account for the new building and the current balance is to back-fill the savings account. Tucker would like to transfer \$81,164.27 from the working lands fund to the savings account. Working lands fund dollars are tracked in the budget

and do not require a separate account. Tucker would then like to rename the working lands fund account to the Camp Adams Endowment account, as the money in that fund is dedicated directly to the monitoring of the Camp Adams easement and needs to be kept separate for accounting purposes.

Director Fantz reported that the Finance Committee had met and supported Staff Tucker's recommendations. Other members of the Board asked that an accounting be made of the funds that were originally placed in the Working Lands fund. Staff Tucker stated that he was already working on this request.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to authorize Staff Tucker to transfer \$135,296.49 from the Reserve Fund, and \$81,164.27 from the Working Lands Fund to the LGIP Savings account, to close the Reserve Fund Account, and rename the Working Lands account to the Camp Adams Endowment. Motion carried unanimously.

*AGM Kilders asked the Chair to move item 5A forward on the agenda. Chair Becker asked Staff McQueeney to proceed with item 5A.*

**5A. Introduction of 2020 Scholarship recipients** – Staff McQueeney welcomed Alexa Hayes and Maja Rohling.

Staff McQueeney noted that Ms. Hayes was one of the recipients of the District's Scholarship in 2019. Ms. Hayes will be a junior at Oregon State University next fall studying animal sciences and she has completed an internship in small ruminants. She hopes to work with Oregon Fish and Wildlife on an internship this summer.

Ms. Hayes thanked the Board for the scholarship, noting that it was a big help in completing her studies. She shared that the internship with Fish and Wildlife fell through, but she hopes to be working on a different internship regarding invasive species.

Staff McQueeney reported that Maja Rohling will be a sophomore at Clackamas Community College in the fall and is a longtime volunteer with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Rohling's interests include integrated pest management and irrigation design.

Ms. Rohling thanked the board for the scholarship, noting that she had not expected to receive such a large scholarship and that it will make a big impact on her educational opportunity. Ms. Rohling is working on an internship in integrated pest management.

Chair Becker thanked the scholarship recipients for attending the meeting.

Ms. Hayes and Ms. Rohling left the meeting at 4:46

### **Resumed agenda order at 4:46**

- B. Resolution 2020-003 to accept Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) funding for Hawkweed Control** – Staff Rains presented resolution 2020-003 that will allow the District to accept funding from ODA via an Intergovernmental Agreement, add it to the District’s budget and appropriate the funding to treat hawkweed in the Lolo Pass area. This resolution allows the District to make the necessary changes to the budget for this specified purpose grant without the need for a public hearing.

Directors Fantz/Lee moved/seconded to approve resolution 2020-003 to accept funding from the Oregon Department of Agriculture and appropriate the funding for hawkweed treatment in the Lolo Pass area. Motion carried as follows: In favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Director Johnson abstained.

- C. Contract for a new hosting company for the MIP accounting system** – Staff Tucker reported to the Board that he is currently exploring new hosting companies for the accounting system. The system the District currently uses is hosted offsite and was hacked in March. Since that time, Staff Tucker has encountered constant problems with their system. Tucker hopes to have a proposal from a new company before the beginning of the fiscal year and will need approval to proceed. The Board asked that this be on the agenda for the July meeting.

## **5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS**

- B. Eagle Creek Community Forest Update** – Staff Rains reported on the on-going work at the community forest. Rains noted that Staff Cooley has been carrying out weed treatments on the road and that she had been meeting with the local fire districts regarding fire prevention and response. The District is working with David Bugni on a fish habitat restoration project on Suter Creek and there is continued concern regarding the revoked hunting leases. Rains reported that the final report to the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service has been made for the grant which was used to help finance the forest property. *Please see the attached report.*

In answer to questions from the Board, Staff Faucera noted that the community forest board needs to be convened in order to decide issues regarding how the forest will be used and what access will be allowed.

- C. Backyard Habitat Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** – Staff Leininger spoke to the Board regarding the District's continued work with the Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon Society’s Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP). The District has provided funding for the BHCP program for several years and has budgeted \$15,000 for the coming year. Leininger noted this was a significant reduction in funding compared to what the District has provided in the past, but that the BHCP has been able to leverage funding from other sources. Staff Leininger asked the Board to authorize AGM Kilders to sign an MOU with the BHCP for the coming year's program.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to authorize Acting General Manager Kilders to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Backyard Habitat Certification Program for funding work within Clackamas County. Motion Carried Unanimously.

## **6 – PERSONNEL**

- A. General Manager minimum qualifications** – Chair Becker opened the floor for further discussion regarding the minimum qualifications for the General Manager position. Discussion focused on whether or not lowering the qualification would open up the candidate pool.

Staff Kilders reported that the District has received only six applications, five of which have been reviewed, with only two meeting the current qualifications.

Director Johnson felt that the requirement of managing an entire organization was the limiting factor and that if someone had managed a department within an organization that should meet the qualifications. Directors felt that the five to ten years of experience was still a valid minimum qualification. Directors agreed to add the wording “experience managing within an organization” to the list of minimum requirements.

Questions regarding salary and benefits were addressed. The Board decided to list the salary range from Step 1 to Step 20 in the pay matrix, noting that the salary would be negotiated depending on experience and qualifications.

Staff Kilders asked when the Board wanted the job re-listed and if it should continue to be listed as open until filled. The Board requested that the position be posted immediately and to note that it will remain open until filled.

## **7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS**

- A. Associate Director Appointments** – Chair Becker introduced John Keith and Anna Rankin to the Board and reported that, as required, they had both sent in letters of interest regarding becoming Associate Directors to the Board. Chair Becker asked if the candidates would like to address the Board.

Mr. Keith spoke to the Board and stated that he is looking forward to learning more about the District and working with the Board.

Directors Lee/Johnson moved/seconded to approve John Keith to become an Associate Director to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rankin stated that she had been networking with District employees for some time and was honored when Director Zuber contacted her about becoming an Associate Director. She is glad for the opportunity to become part of the team.

Directors Guttridge/Lee moved/seconded to approve Anna Rankin to become an Associate Director to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Board Office Elections** – Chair Becker asked Board members if anyone was interested in serving in an officer position, or wished to relinquish their current position. Director Zuber nominated the current slate of officers to continue on in their positions, no other nominations were presented.

Directors Zuber/Lee moved/seconded to elect Jeff Becker as Chair, Jesse Nelson as Vice-Chair, Don Guttridge as Secretary, and Roger Fantz as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. District Board Elections** – Staff Kilders reported that Directors Becker, Johnson, and Lee are up for re-election in the November General Election. Directors will still need to gather signatures for their petitions, but due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they may do so by sending out copies of the petition and having them returned by US mail with original signatures on them. These signed petitions will be turned into the elections department. The procedure for how to do this has not yet been finalized.

- D. Eligibility requirements to run for Soil and Water Conservation District board positions** – Staff Kilders reported to the Board that a citizen interested in becoming a district board member had raised a question regarding director eligibility criteria. She contacted State Representative Rob Nosse who developed House Bill 2958 to make changes to the existing requirements. After testimony at a public hearing, it was decided that Representative Nosse would table the bill this session and work with the Soil and Water Conservation Commission to review the eligibility criteria. Board members have been provided with a copy of the white paper from the meetings held regarding the criteria.

The working group from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission has also provided districts with a survey regarding eligibility and asked that district boards fill out the survey and return it to the committee. They asked that only one survey per district be returned. Kilders asked that Board directors fill out a copy of the survey and return them to her. She will compile the survey results and send them to the committee.

Board Directors discussed some of the proposed changes, where the balance needed to be to ensure all groups within a district are represented, and the need to discuss whether the current requirements are excluding people.

**E. Managers Reports –**

- Staff Leininger thanked the Board for their support of the on-going hawkweed work in the Lolo Pass area. In the interest of saving some time Leininger referred the Board to his written briefing memo for the rest of his report. *Please see the attached memo.*
- Staff Reische reported on the Planning department. She noted that planners are busy with projects including technical site reviews, weed treatments in conjunction with WeedWise crews, and processing invoices. Reische also reported on a pollinator habitat project that Staff Eden has been working on, noting that it was a rewarding project.

Reische also reported that she, Staff Ahr, and Staff Faucera have been out for two site visits to monitor the Camp Adams Easement. *Please see the attached memo.*

- Staff McQueeney noted that with the Covid-19 pandemic the District has been reconfiguring how many of the outreach and communications platforms are used. McQueeney reported that she had been contacting women farmers to participate in a “Soil Your Undies” soil health project. *Please see the attached memo.*
- Staff Faucera reported on the second phase of the National Water Quality Initiative project. The project is working on characterizing the watershed and will be determining the types of actions needed on the ground. The next step is landowner outreach. The main concerns or drivers in the watershed are turbidity of the water and fecal contaminants. Faucera hopes to be able to have John Runyon from the Cascade Environmental Group; who is working with the District on this project, make a presentation to the Board soon.
- Faucera reported that he has also been working on closing out the building and addressing IT issues.
- Staff Kilders reported that staff members are in the process of reviewing 38 applications that they had received for the Conservation Resource Enhancement Program technician position. Only 18 of the applications met the minimum qualifications. Interviews are currently scheduled for July 7, 2020. The first interviews will probably be done remotely and second interviews will hopefully be done in person.
- Kilders asked if the Board would like to meet in person for the July regular board meeting. If so, the meeting would be limited to Board members participating in person while the public and staff would attend virtually. Staff Faucera noted that the sound in the room was problematic and that the Board would need to discuss options for additional microphones or soundproofing.
- Kilders told the Board that she would be out of the office from June 23 to July 7, 2020.

**F. Public Statement regarding Black Lives Matter** – Chair Becker asked the Board if the District should make a public statement regarding social unrest in regards to the Black Lives Matter. Directors felt that the District should make a statement that would be supportive yet not inflammatory. Several statements were reviewed and it was decided to ask a committee of three Board directors and staff members, as well as Associate Director Melethil, to work on a statement for the District. Board members and staff were asked to send an e-mail to Chair Becker if they wish to participate on this committee.

Board members expressed that this was an opportunity for the District to review its operations, and actions, regarding environmental justice issues, diversity, equity, and inclusion in the District's work.

## **8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING**

**A. Building update** – Director Guttridge reported that the Building Committee had exchanged e-mails regarding the closing out the building. P&C will be finishing out some rock fill on the plaza, and completing erosion control measures along the west side of the property. The building paperwork will be closed out before the fiscal year-end.

Staff Faucera reported that the final price of the building was \$5.768 million about \$30,000

under the supplemental budget total. The District will be receiving a \$19,000 refund from the contingency fund. Director Guttridge will be signing the final change order. The final payment for the building was in the June disbursements approved at this meeting. The District is still waiting for some hardware which is included in the costs already paid.

Faucera also reported that we have received a request for a quote from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) about leasing the west wing of the new building. The District has 30 days to complete the lease forms. The District is seeking a market value report and the lease will be for 10 years. The lease is all-inclusive, including electric, water, garbage, and janitorial services. Faucera will be meeting with USDA on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

## **9 – OTHER REPORTS**

- Director Johnson reported that the Board of Agriculture will meet on Thursday, June 18, 2020, via "GoToMeeting". There are three positions open on the Board if anyone is interested. They are looking for two producers and one consumer representative
- Chair Becker reported that it has been four months since his band has had a gig, and he has one coming up.

## **ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING**

- The next regular meeting will be on July 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tami L. Guttridge  
Office Administrator





June 16, 2020

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **RE: Conservation Planning Program Update**

#### **Adaptive Weed Management on Oak and Riparian Restoration Sites**

This month staff visited oak and riparian project sites in Sherwood, Yoder, Marquam and Dickie Prairie to assess weed pressure and plan for weed control activities. Invasive Himalayan blackberry is coming in strong on projects where oak release logging activities occurred last year. Canada thistle, tansy ragwort, hedge parsley, teasel, wild cucumber and bedstraw are also being observed. Wild cucumber and bedstraw are especially problematic for newly planted seedlings because they climb up the plants and weigh them down. Our restoration project sites can look very different after the first year of treatment, and often this calls for adaptive management to deal with new weeds that have been released in the seedbank. Adapting weed control strategies has been the focus of staff planning and implementation work this month, including scheduling contractor spot spray work on new planting sites and looking for threatened and endangered plant species while on site. The planners also regularly consult with Weedwise staff for advice on best approaches for tough to control weeds.



A Pacific treefrog spotted on a recent site visit. Photo: Nicole Ahr

#### **Upland Pollinator Habitat Project**

Creating upland grassland and pollinator habitat is a difficult proposition in the Willamette Valley due to high weed pressure and past disturbance. Upland prairies once covered around 31% of the valley but are now less than 1%. For the past two years planner Scott Eden has been working on an upland pollinator habitat restoration project south of Beavercreek that is supported by our partners at USF&W. The project consists of converting 2.5 acres of former hayland back into upland prairie. This area was described in historic vegetation surveys as "fir savanna." The main project goal was to providing food and cover resources for wildlife and especially for diverse native pollinators such as bees and butterflies. Thus far, over 1,000 feet of native hedgerow has been established near the field boundaries, and 5 "oak island" plantings of oak and oak associated native shrubs, forbs and prairie grasses have



Existing pollinator plot at the project site.

been planted. The field has been cover-cropped in oats for two years to reduce the weed seed bank, and has now been planted in Phacelia, a summer flowering plant that will help continue to smother weeds while offering pollinator benefit. Kathy Pendergrass, an NRCS botanist, recently joined Scott and the landowner at the site and provided excellent suggestions for advancing the site preparation. She also recommended specific pollinator species for the upcoming planting. Kathy noted some weedy rhizomatous grasses persisting, so a grass specific herbicide treatment is planned soon. It is important to have a clean slate when planting native pollinator forbs and grasses, as the seed is expensive. Scott reports that the field may be ready to plant this fall.

### **Pasture Management Technical Assistance**

While pasture management is an interest for many farmers and landowners throughout the year, each season has a particular suite of concerns that drive much of the technical assistance requests the District receives.

Planners have been on several site visits this month to provide assistance on common spring pasture issues,



“Yearling” pasture on recent site visit.

such as managing undesirable perennial weeds like Oxeye daisy and Canada thistle, and designing rotational grazing systems to maintain healthy stands of forage. While overgrazing is often the culprit for many pasture troubles, another spring-time problem can be allowing the pasture to become over mature, which results in the grass going to seed and becoming dormant. Mowing is a helpful strategy when the grass is growing faster than the herd can eat it. Typically, we recommend land managers keep the pasture stubble between 3 and 10 inches to encourage lush new growth through the spring and early summer.

The District also provided assistance recently on an unusual request to visit a large horse breeding farm where a yearling horse died suddenly this spring from unknown causes. The Oregon State University horse vet concluded that the death could have resulted from plant-based liver-necrosis and recommended a site visit from the District to survey for

potentially hazardous plants in their pastures. We visited the farm last month but found the pastures to be relatively free of any broadleaf plants and no highly suspicious plants were observed.

### **Camp Adams Conservation Easement Monitoring**

Nicole Ahr and Jenne Reische have been assisting Jason Faucera to conduct annual monitoring tasks for the District’s conservation easement at Camp Adams. This is the first year of monitoring at the site. The monitoring procedure consists of several elements, one of which is taking annual photo points at the site. Photo locations were selected to cover major habitat types, property boundaries, represent different timber management areas. Where possible, our goal is to match monitoring photos with Baseline Report photo points for continuity of data. Staff conducted photo monitoring site visits in late May and early June.

# June 2020 Education and Outreach Update

## Partnership Collaboration

Lower Willamette Watershed conservation and watershed council partners continued to work together to develop strategies to deliver conservation education and stewardship opportunities during the continued shutdown due to Covid-19.

Outreach staff is redoing the Clackamas Water Education Team (CWET) Resource Guide. This guide features all of the CWET partners and highlights which services each agency provides to the public.

The Soil Your Undies campaign has been put on temporary hold as it seems too light-hearted and frivolous during the recent social unrest and concerns in our community. Outreach staff is working, however, with a group of Clackamas women farmers and will report on this partnership later this summer.

## Ask a Clackamas SWCD Conservation Specialist

The Education and Outreach team is working together with Conservation Specialist Scott Eden to deliver our first webinar topic in our “Ask a Clackamas SWCD Conservation Specialist” series. The first webinar topic will be Summer Grazing: Where and When for Healthy Livestock and Grass and the presentation will be ready in early July.



## Meetings and Events

Small Farm School - Planning continues for Small Farm School. Survey results show that people will be interested in participating in online delivery of Small Farm School. Courses are expected to be delivered over an eight week period starting after Labor Day.

OCEAN CONNECT – The annual meeting for OCEAN will be held on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This will be a virtual meeting to review the organizations accomplishments of the past year and to outline goals for the coming year.

## Farmers Markets



The Molalla Farmers Market and the Lake Oswego Farmers market are the final two markets to open for the summer season. Support checks for these markets will be sent out after the June board meeting. The Education and Outreach team has provided information and support to the markets and their agricultural producers to help ensure both their safety and success during this market season.

## Native Plant of the Month

Outreach staff has been collaborating with planning staff and the WeedWise team to develop a monthly website article featuring native plants. The June native plant of the month will be Douglas spirea. Featured plants will be cross referenced against the Portland Plant List and will tie into oak habitat where possible. Watershed Council partners are excited about sharing this information with their communities.



## Website Articles

- [Recorded Presentation About the Molalla River Drinking Water Project Available for Viewing and Comment](#)
- [Position Open: Multi-County Riparian Technician](#)
- [Budget Adopted for FY 2020-2021](#)
- [June Invasive Weed of the Month: Policeman's Helmet](#)
- [Board of Director Positions Open for Election](#)
- [District Announces 2020 Scholarship Awards](#)
- [2020 Summer Farmers Market Season is Open!](#)



June 12, 2020

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **RE: WeedWise Program Update**

#### **Policeman's Helmet: Weed of the Month**

This month we are highlighting policeman's helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*) as our June Weed-of-the-Month. June is the month, we see policeman's helmet starting to grow and develop. In late June these showy plants are starting to bloom. So this is a good time to raise awareness about this important weed.

Policeman's helmet is a Class B noxious weed in Oregon. It is known as an extremely fast growing annual plant. Plants can grow from seed up to a height of 10 feet in a single season. Seeds are dispersed by exploding seed pods that can scatter seeds up to 20 feet away. The concern about policeman's helmet is that it invades riparian areas, where it displaces native vegetation, then dies back at the end of the year leaving stream banks exposed. This leads to increased erosion and reduced water quality as sediment moves into streams.



*Policeman's Helmet is our Weed of the Month for June.*

Policeman's helmet has long been a target for control and outreach in the Sandy Basin. This year we will be adapting to the significant reduction in resources for control and management of this noxious weed. We will be focusing efforts in upstream areas of the watershed to help protect the investments of prior years.

#### **Garlic Mustard Nearing Completion**

The WeedWise program is wrapping up the last of our garlic mustard treatments for the season. Plants are mature, so we have been hand-pulling some late season discoveries before it is too late.

One notable new discovery is a large patch found by Courtney in the Sandy Watershed. This new patch is relatively high up in the watershed is a high priority for containment and eradication. We are fortunate that Courtney was able to quickly secure permissions from the affected landowner and we were able to treat the plants before they could set seed.

Garlic mustard treatments in the Clackamas were able to proceed as normal for the season, thanks to grant funding from BLM, Forest Service, Metro, and PGE. Lindsey has done a great job of managing a large number of garlic mustard sites and multiple contractors operating simultaneously across the

Clackamas. Lindsey was able to accomplish this work, while also carrying out while spring surveys and treatments in the upper portions of the Clackamas.

Outside the Clackamas and Sandy, we were forced to prioritize our treatments this season due to limited contractor funding. In these areas, we focused our resources on isolated garlic mustard patches in Wilsonville, Oregon City, and the lower Tualatin River. Justin has also able to treat a number of other garlic mustard patches throughout the lower Willamette.

This spring treatment season has been one of the most difficult for our program. With social distancing, and budget constraints, it has taken a lot of work to stay focused and functional. Despite these constraints, our program has completed [186 garlic treatments this spring](#). This is no small feat! It is all thanks to the hard work and dedication of our WeedWise team!

### **National Pollinator Week**

June 22-28 has been declared National Pollinator Week! WeedWise is joining others around the nation to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators. We will be highlighting the threat of invasive weeds on pollinator habitat and the importance of thoughtful weed management practices to avoid adverse impacts to pollinators. Be sure to check the WeedWise page and our social media after on June 22<sup>nd</sup> (<https://weedwise.conservationdistrict.org/2020/national-pollinator-week-2020.html>) for some great pollinator information.

### **Lolo Pass hawkweed control**



*The large expanse of the Lolo Pass hawkweed project area requires a lot of coordination and logistic concerns.*

We have recently begun surveys and treatments near Lolo Pass to control invasive meadow and orange hawkweeds. This ongoing effort is being undertaken and coordinated with the Mt Hood National Forest, ODA Noxious Weed Program, Portland Water Bureau and Bonneville Power Administration. Courtney has been out on site with carrying out surveys and overseeing our operations.

The wet weather has certainly been adversely impact treatments, but there is plenty of survey work to do ahead of continued treatments. This work is supported through our cooperative agreement with the Forest Service. The recent IGA that Sam has completed with ODA has also provided funding to support treatments into Hood River County for the second year.

This highly collaborative effort is the result of extensive planning and coordination that is finally coming to fruition. It is really great to see the level of coordination and activity underway in Clackamas County to control these priority noxious weeds.

We have also been working with our partners from the [Sandy River Watershed Council](#) to support our orange hawkweed efforts. Courtney recently authored the orange hawkweed article and has been working with their new outreach person on a second article about the Lolo Pass project work. This second article should be published shortly.

### **Eagle Creek Community Forest**

Activities are ramping up for the Sutter Creek project at the Eagle Creek Community Forest. In preparation for a large number of vehicles, the WeedWise program has been working to control vegetation on the road system within the forest.

The WeedWise program recently purchased a [power sprayer unit with a boomless nozzle system](#) to control vegetation on the road system. This is important to maintain the road and to reduce fire hazard during project operations. Justin has mounted the power sprayer to the underutilized flatbed Chevy and was recently out at the forest, putting the power sprayer to good use.

### **New Discoveries and iNaturalist and**

It is not uncommon for us to have new noxious weed discoveries each spring. This spring, with the stay at home order, we have also been supplementing our findings with an evaluation of crowd-sourced observations submitted through the [iNaturalist](#) website and application.

This approach has proven to be very useful in identifying new and priority invaders in Clackamas County. Just in the last month, we have discovered new infestations of oblong spurge and orange hawkweed, both of which are class A noxious weeds in Oregon.

Our staff has also been seeing a number of important discoveries including the large garlic mustard patch discovered by Courtney, as well as a couple of sulfur cinquefoil patches as well.



*Sulfur cinquefoil discovered in newly established bioswales in Oregon City.*

Sam has also discovered several new infestations of oblong spurge and sulfur cinquefoil during natural areas surveys in the county.

### **Technical Assistance**

The WeedWise program continues to receive a large number of spring technical assistance calls. In recent weeks, the WeedWise program has been saturated with requests for information and technical assistance. Sam is working to respond to emails, phone calls, and Hotline reports.

In particular, we have seen an abnormally high number of technical assistance requests related to poison hemlock. So we will be working later this season to increase our educational information about this harmful noxious weed. Although, the numbers of technical assistance requests remain high, we consider the increased interest in invasive weeds to be a very good thing and it shows that residents are willing to take action.

### **Cooperative Weed Management Areas**

The 4-County and Columbia Gorge CWMAs continue to operate and function well during the COVID pandemic. The CWMAs made the decision last fall to broadcast our committee and general meetings via GotoMeeting to help facilitate more partner involvement. This decision has served us well, and allowed us to continue to operate without interruption.

This spring our CWMAs have served as a vital conduit for information between our various organizations. With all of the complications posed by operating with COVID-19 and social distancing, the CWMAs have allowed our partnering organizations to share protocols to allow the continuation of field operations. This has been great to see and shows the value of these organizations.



Voucher Approval List

6/4/2020

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
6/4/2020	100200	Nicole Ahr	Reimbursement: Mileage 05/2020	145.76
6/4/2020	100201	Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC	WW-2019-02 [SAWAN Habitat] 05/2020	2,461.76
6/4/2020	100202	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 06/2020	567.00
6/4/2020	100203	Clackamas Dept of Finance	CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 06/2020	21,282.60
6/4/2020	100204	Distinguished Vineyards & Wine Partners	CSWCD: [191114ERP010] Return Payment.*37445*-06/2020	880.00
6/4/2020	100205	Garmin Services, Inc	Acct: DL627537 05/2020	72.40
6/4/2020	100206	Oregon City Garbage, Inc	Acct: 57768000 06/2020	95.60
6/4/2020	100207	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0147] 04/2020	171.62
6/4/2020	100208	PGE	Acct: 9606754531 05/22/20	522.20
6/4/2020	100209	Jennifer Reische	Reimbursement: Mileage 05/2020	173.65
6/4/2020	100210	T-MOBILE	Acct: 961602090 5/20/20	463.20
6/4/2020	100211	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	Acct: 869284679 05/2020	227.14
6/4/2020	100212	Verizon Wireless	Acct: 242017036-00001 05/2020	240.06
6/4/2020	100213	VOYA Financial OSGP	CSWCD: EE/ER 457b PPE 05/31/2020;Pd 6/5/2020	10,663.74
6/4/2020	100214	Zions Bank	Acct: 101000030921902 [ECCF] 06/2020	151,827.00
6/4/2020	100215	Zions Bank	CSWCD: Loan Pmt [CRC] 06/2020	264,815.45
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<b>Subtotal:</b>				<b>454,609.18</b>

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
6/15/2020	100232	AFIAC	Acct: LGF14 05/2020	766.21
6/15/2020	100233	Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC	DOG-1823-4021 [WW-2019-02] 05/2020	1,862.72
6/15/2020	100234	Cascade Environmental Group	PSC-1820-4037 Assessment 05/2020	4,335.00
6/15/2020	100235	City of Lake Oswego	CSWCD: Grant: Farmer Mkt 06/2020	4,000.00
6/15/2020	100236	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [SRL] 06/2020	153.00
6/15/2020	100237	Clackamas River Basin Council	Clack confluence [Dahl] #4 06/2020	2,729.90
6/15/2020	100238	Scott Eden	Reimbursement: Mileage 06/2020	87.40
6/15/2020	100239	Verena Fabian	SuperDOG-1822-4032 [SoC] 05/2020	409.97
6/15/2020	100240	Spatial Networks	Acct: 4000-C06 Sub 07/2020-06/2021	5,400.00
6/15/2020	100241	Green Banks, LLC	ww-2019-05 [CRISP-LK-2020-04] EDRR 05/2020	10,084.41
6/15/2020	100242	Donald Guttridge :::::VOID:::Incorrect Vendor	Reimbursement: Supplies 06/2020	20.00
6/15/2020	100243	Kuznetsov Thinning Company	WW-2019-08 CRISP EDRR	4,866.55
6/15/2020	100244	Molalla Farmer's Market	CSWCD: Grant: Farmers Mkt 06/2020	3,000.00
6/15/2020	100245	P & C Construction	Job# 18011 [CRC] FINAL 06/2020	37,067.00
6/15/2020	100246	Pamplin Media Group	Acct: 102542 [FB Posts] 05/2020	280.00
6/15/2020	100247	Eann Rains	Reimbursement: Mileage/Supplies 05/2020	74.93
6/15/2020	100248	Ramsay Signs INC	Acct: CLASOIL [Sign 221MOIalia] 02/2020	845.00
6/15/2020	100249	Sound Native Plants Inc	WW-2019-12 [CRISP-LK-2020-02] 05/2020	4,946.82
6/15/2020	100250	Spire Technologies, Inc	Acct: 02208 Sophos [1yr] / Synology 07/2020	2,249.76
6/15/2020	100251	Wilbur-Ellis Company LLC	Acct: 1979712 05/2020	2,144.90
6/15/2020	100252	Tami Guttridge	Reimbursement: Supplies 06/2020	20.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>				<b>85,343.57</b>
<b>Total: \$</b>				<b>539,952.75</b>
<b>Total Conservation Fund</b>				<b>24,900.37</b>

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