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Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2021

PRESENT	Directors:	Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Jesse Nelson (Vice Chair), Jan Lee, Joan Zuber
	Associate Directors:	PK Melethil
	Directors Emeritus:	Mike Weinberg
	Staff:	Nichol Ahr, Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Chris Lapp, Sam Leining, Cathy McQueeney, Nathan Tucker
	Partners:	Kim Galland (Natural Resources Conservation Service)
	Guest:	
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 4:10 p.m., May 18, 2021, via the “Zoom” app from a call originating from the home office of Staff Faucera. Chair Becker asked if there were any changes to agenda. No changes were requested.

B. Public Comment – There was no public comment.

C. Director reports –

- Director Fantz reported that he had just returned from a four-day float trip on the lower John Day River, the weather was good, and he had a nice time. He continues to work on his property.
- Director Johnson reported that the Board of Agriculture’s Land Use meeting would take place later this evening. The Board of Agriculture would be meeting on Wednesday May 19, 2021 and welcoming two new appointed board members. The Drought Council has been meeting weekly, there is only one area in the state not under current drought listing. Reservoirs around the state are low.

Johnson also reported that he had welcomed a new 10-week-old Welsh Pembroke Corgi to his family.

- Director Nelson reported that he had his nursery planting done, and would now be taxi driving for his kids.
- Associate Director Melethil reported that he would be attending Metro Bond Committee meetings in the next month. They are looking for upfront input on racial equity and climate change.

D. Partner reports – Kim Galland of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reported that she had been out on a site visit before joining the meeting. Galland commented that the tenant space in the Conservation Resource Center looks wonderful and she can hardly wait to move in. Galland reported that she would be out for a few weeks and hopes to be available when the move in date is set.

Galland would like to get in contact with Staff Donahue, as she would like Donahue to accompany her on a couple site visits.

Galland spoke about a new version of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, that is a miniaturized version of the Stewardship program. NRCS does not currently have any fact sheets and only minimal training on the program, but Galland noted it would be interesting.

Galland was asked if the Climate 21 plan from the Biden administration would be addressing carbon sequestration. Galland reported that Corey Owens, the NRCS State Soil Scientist is currently involved in inventorying NRCS practices and how they affect sequestration. They are working on a scoring matrix and they do not currently know which department will be handling this concern.

E. Manager's report on committees – General Manager Lapp reported that the following committees had met:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee met. Lapp thanked Staff McQueeney for her hard work on the committee and noted she would be reporting later in the meeting.
- The Finance Committee, Working Lands Committee, and the Building Committee have been communicating by email. There will be a report on the building later in the meeting.

2 – MINUTES

A. April 20, 2021, Regular Board Meeting minutes – The minutes of the April 20, 2021 Board Meeting were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Board Meeting as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **April 27, 2021, Budget Committee Meeting minutes** – The minutes of the April 27, 2021 Budget Committee were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

C. Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021 Budget Committee Meeting as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Abstaining: Jim Johnson. Motion carried.

3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker reviewed the financial report for the month ending April 30, 2021. The District currently has \$11.5 million in total assets, \$7.2 million in total liabilities and net assets of \$4.3 million. The District's financials are in a good position without much activity in the month of April. Tucker noted the District received \$15,000 in tax revenues in April, along with \$1,358 in interest. Total expenses for the month were \$185,652 which included payroll, septic loans, and other contracted services.

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

- B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker presented the Automatic Clearing House payments. He noted that there were two payments to Wells Fargo due to a system error. Tucker then presented the disbursement list to the board. Checks were numbered 100597 to 100637 with no breaks or voids in the sequence. The disbursements totaled \$308,391.51, with \$50,414.09 from the Conservation Fund. Payments this month included checks to Zions Bank for principal and interest for the Eagle Creek Community Forest and to Cedar Mill Construction for tenant improvements.

Directors Fantz/Nelson moved/seconded to approve the disbursement list for May 2021 as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **Approval of Oregon Association of Conservation District (OACD) Dues** – GM Lapp reported to the Board that he had made an error in calculating the dues for OACD. Lapp reported that dues for the District would total \$7,500 for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Board members noted that the work OACD does is very important to districts around the state.

Directors Johnson/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve paying dues to the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts in the amount of \$7,500. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Nelson, and Zuber. Abstaining: Lee. Motion carried.

- B. Resolution 2021-002 to dissolve the Building Reserve Fund** – Staff Tucker requested that the Board dissolve the Building Reserve Fund that was established by Resolution 2007-006. The fund was established to reserve monies for the construction of a permanent building for the District. All monies in the fund will be expended by June 30, 2021 the end of the fiscal year, with the fund information carried forward on the budget through 2024.

Directors Lee/Guttridge moved/seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-002 to dissolve the Building Reserve Fund. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Guttridge did note that there will be a need to have a reserve of funds for building maintenance to deal with future repairs. There was discussion regarding budgeting and how to use reserve funds without tying up money in a specific fund.

- C. Internet (IT) line-item modification under approved 2021-2022 Budget** – Staff Faucera reviewed the increasing need of IT security and monitoring for the District. Faucera asked the Board to consider moving \$24,000 from the reserve fund to the general fund for contracted IT services. Faucera noted that the District could hire an employee to do this work, but the cost would be considerably more than contracting it out. Faucera has limited time to work on the system and does not have the training to handle monitoring that should be done. GM Lapp noted that technology is changing rapidly which requires more training for an individual employee to keep up. Staff would like to add this to the budget at this time. Faucera would still be available to help with some internal network issues.

Directors asked that Faucera get quotes from more than the current company the District uses, and they would like a clear idea of what the \$24,000 would cover.

- D. Review of the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget** – GM Lapp reported to the Board that the only change being requested by Staff to the Board for the approved 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget was the \$24,000 to be moved from the reserve to the materials and services under the General Fund. This move will not make a change to the overall budget.
- E. Resolution 2021-003 to adopt the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget** – Staff Tucker presented Resolution 2021-003 to the Board to adopt the Fiscal Year Budget.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to adopt Resolution 2021-003 to adopt the budget, make appropriations, and impose and categorize the property tax for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson, Lee, Nelson, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board and other staff members sincerely thanked Staff Rains for her help with the Budget process over many years.

Director Johnson left the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- A. Letter concerning the Water Filtration Project** – GM Lapp asked the Board what they would like to do regarding a letter to Metro, the Oregon Department of Agriculture and other entities as proposed after the presentation last month from the Cottrell Community Planning Organization regarding a proposed water filtration project. The proposed project is to be sited on approximately 90 acres of class 2 farmland. Board Directors noted they would like more information regarding the project. Directors would like to know why the City of Portland picked this type of filtration system as compared to other less expensive options, what criteria was used to choose the location and why was the farmland scored zero on the Farmland Conservation Impact Rating.

Chair Becker asked Director Nelson if he would be available to meet regarding this matter and he planned to ask Director Johnson also. GM Lapp noted some staff would like to be part of the discussion and Chair Becker said he would welcome them to participate. This matter will come back to the Board next month.

- B. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) meeting** – Staff McQueeney spoke to the Board regarding the DEI committee. McQueeney noted that the committee was formed in the spring of 2020 and that the COVID pandemic stopped much of the forward movement. The committee met again on April 21, 2021 and welcomed the new General Manager to the team.

McQueeney spoke about the need for a shared vocabulary regarding this subject, and the need to cut down on the use of acronyms. The on-going DEI discussion may be uncomfortable, and the committee would like to see some facilitated training. There is a need to make diversity, equity, and inclusion part of the Districts everyday work.

McQueeney is participating in the North Willamette Equity Team, which is a group of Watershed Councils working together on this subject. McQueeney has also been working with the Oregon Conservation Education and Assistance Network (OCEAN) to make DEI a component of their annual CONNECT Conference.

Director Nelson left the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

- C. Grant approval to General Manager to select septic contractors** – GM Lapp reported to the Board that he has been working with Staff Rains to update the District approved Contractor list for septic system repairs. He and Rains had met earlier in the week with the County representative from the Soils and Septic Department to review the applications that were received. Lapp asked that the Board give him approval to select contractors for the list.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to give General Manager Lapp authority to approve septic system contractors. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

6 – PERSONNEL

- A. **Retirement date for Staff Rains** – GM Lapp reported to the Board that Staff Rains has given notice that her last day with the District will be June 30, 2021. Lapp noted that Rains has a wealth of knowledge about the District, budgeting and septic repairs and will be missed. Lapp noted that Rains has been with the District for 13 years and has 25 years working with soil and water conservation districts. Lapp will be working with Staff Rains on how to transition her work.
- B. **Approval of General Manager to utilize funds for Staff recognition/achievement purposes** – GM Lapp asked the board for approval to have a set funding limit to recognize staff achievements through gift certificates or other means. The funding limit would not exceed \$5K in a given fiscal year. The objective and premise of this is not to provide a cash bonus system to employees but rather an approved funding limit for the Manager to utilize to purchase gift certificates, recognition plaques, or a pin to acknowledge staff members who have gone above and beyond their normal expected duties to accomplish something of significance for the District.

Director Guttridge declared a possible conflict of interest at the beginning of this discussion.

Directors noted that the District had chosen to no longer give individual bonuses due to possible perceived favoritism and went to the band/step system for pay equity purposes. Directors did note that Lapp's proposal was well thought out and that his having flexibility to make awards might be a positive thing. There would need to be good documentation. The request died due to a lack of a motion.

7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS

- A. **Reappointment of Associate Directors** – GM Lapp reported that Associate Directors Melethil and Toops are up for reappointment. It was discussed that Associate Director Toops had not been attending meetings regularly and it was decided that Chair Becker would reach out to Toops to discuss his continued participation. Associate Director Melethil was asked if he would like to continue to serve, and he replied yes.

Directors Guttridge/Lee moved/seconded to reappoint PK Melethil as an Associate Director for the Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Lee, and Zuber. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Management Reports –

- Staff Kilders reported that Education and Outreach erosion videos had been completed. The recent septic system workshop was recorded, and Kilders participated in a National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Wildfire Summit, which was recorded and will be on the NACD website. Please see Kilders report which is attached as part of these minutes.
- Staff Leininger wished the Board a "happy Oregon Weed Awareness Week". WeedWise staff has been very busy and is getting tired. Garlic mustard treatments are almost finished for the season. Leininger has been working with the federal partners and is waiting on

funding for recovery efforts in the burn areas. Please see Leininger's report which is attached as part of these minutes.

- Staff Reische was unable to attend the Board meeting. Please see Reische's report which is attached as a part of these minutes.
- Staff Faucera reported that the National Water Quality Initiative in the Molalla River Basin had its last Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The TAC meeting focused on developing an action plan, now the need is to get community involvement. Faucera noted there is also a need to do water monitoring and he hopes to get the help from the city of Molalla, Molalla River Watch, Department of Environmental Quality, and the community.
- Faucera reported that he had been working with Director Lee in meetings with State Representatives regarding the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Tax incentives Program. He will be meeting soon with Senator Taylor.
- Director Zuber asked Faucera what type of outreach was being done in the Molalla area regarding the NWOI. Faucera reported that there had been social media outreach, notices in newspapers and on websites as well as public meetings held on-line.

8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING

- A. **Building update** – Staff Faucera reported that the contractor is waiting for doors that are supposed to ship on Wednesday, May 19. If the doors do ship on time the contractor could be done with the building by the end of May. Faucera asked GM Lapp to sign a change order form to expedite the installation of a needed smoke detector and to order signage, so that there will be no hold up for the tenant to move in. The District is hoping to have the tenant in by mid-June. The space looks good, the Building Committee has been very responsive, and the contractor Cedar Mills Construction has been good to work with.

9 – OTHER REPORTS

- Director Guttridge reported that when he was filing his taxes, he noticed that W2's still listed the District's name as the Clackamas "County" Soil and Water Conservation District. Guttridge noted that this needs to be corrected as "County" is no longer part of the District's name.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting will be on June 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- There being no further business, Chair Becker adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Tami L. Guttridge
Office Administrator



May 18, 2021

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: Conservation Planning Program Update

Adaptive Management on Native Meadow Projects

Planning staff have been working on two federally funded native pollinator meadow projects that were seeded last fall after rigorous site preparation that differed slightly on each property. Both projects focused on converting several acres of former hay land/fallow land to native forbs and grasses. Site preparation for one site started with inversion tillage and disking to kill the weedy grasses by drying out their roots, followed by two years of cover crops. In the final year of site prep, spring and fall herbicide applications were used to kill both weeds and the cover crop before drill seeding with a mix that included pollinator forbs and Roemer's Fescue. A few of the pollinator meadow species are not native, but have pollinators benefits and lower seed cost. Site preparation at the second site opted for minimal soil disturbance due to a significant weed population. For several years, the site was sprayed in both spring and fall and mowed at least once during the summer. The site was then seeded with a combination of native grasses and native forbs specifically blended for disturbed sites.

Possibly due to unusual low fall temperatures and the fall wildfires, the sites did not come up as robustly as expected, however some of the species sown are known to take a year or two to establish. New seedings do not always take well, despite the many preparations involved. Staff are presented these challenges and use adaptive management to find the best course forward for the project. On both projects problematic weeds will be spot sprayed, and then additional pollinator forb/grass seeded to supplement the previous seedings. Both landowners are enthusiastic and willing to take on this work and dedicated to the success of their projects. While these projects are small acreage and take a lot of work, the long-term benefits for pollinators and wildlife habitat of converting from common weedy vegetation to a more native and diverse vegetation community is important work. Native prairie vegetation was historically abundant in the Willamette Valley, and providing these habitats can bolster efforts to help the wildlife populations that depend on these habitats, many of which are now rare or sensitive populations.



Upland Meadow Project in Clarke's area.



Emerging plants on Canby site.



Observing Canby site with contractor.

Tualatin River Landowners Restore Riparian Habitat, Support Unique and Diverse Wildlife

In 2016 planning staff started working with Nancy Phelps and John Keith on their West Linn property situated along the Lower Tualatin River. In addition to the river, the 2.1 acre property also has a small drainage to the river and part of a large pond complex. When they purchased the property, the native plant diversity and riparian buffers were limited, and they had some large infestations of Armenian blackberry and reed canary grass. However, they discovered several noteworthy native wildlife species were using the property, including wood ducks, northwestern salamanders, and native turtles.

In 2017, District funding was secured to restore the riparian areas for fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, with native plant materials as match from the Tualatin River Watershed Council. Nancy and John were motivated by the wildlife using property, so the District introduced them to our local ODFW wildlife biologist, Susan Barnes, and they were able to learn about the native turtles and other species on their property in more depth through that relationship. The District planner worked closely with the landowners and ODFW to provide sunny, open habitat for the nesting turtles, in addition to reducing major weed infestations and restoring a native riparian buffer along the river, creek and other portions of the pond. The restoration project included three years of site preparation, three separate plantings of native bare root trees and shrubs and seeding of native grasses, wetland plants and forbs. Through their hard work in maintaining the new plantings, they have restored an important riparian habitat complex.

They are moving onto new adventures now and recently sold their property. However, District staff was able to walk the project areas one last time with Nancy and John this spring. The new owners and local fish and wildlife will certainly benefit from all the hard work they put in for this project!



Left photo: Pond area BEFORE (May 2017)

Right photo: AFTER (April 2021) restoration.

Riparian Restoration Partnership: GOCWC has a new Executive Director!

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) continues to capture interest from landowners in Clackamas County with potential to restore important riparian habitats. Often, CREP can be paired with another program to enhance the restoration and provide more funds to the project. This pairing often leads to more successful restorations and ease of mind for the landowner. One landowner along Abernathy Creek will do just that and pair CREP with an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) small grant to restore approximately 2.4 acres of riparian habitat along a salmon bearing creek. This grant will be managed by the new Executive Director of the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council (GOCWC) and they will work closely with the CREP technician to provide a thoughtful and well-informed restoration plan.

Tom Gaskill, the new executive director for GOCWC, brings several decades of conservation experience to the position working along the Oregon coast and more recently in Portland. For the past 5 years, he led the Conservation Learning Programs at the Oregon Zoo through camps, classes and guided tours. Prior to this, he led the education programs at the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve for over 20 years, expanding understanding and advancing stewardship of Oregon's coastal watersheds, estuaries, and the ocean. He looks forward to creatively and thoughtfully working with the leadership, staff, and community in advancing the work of the Greater Oregon City Watershed Council. This partnership will provide a wealth of experience and knowledge to ensure a successful restoration and is just one of many projects to come.



Tom Gaskill, new ED for GOCWC

Horse Property Conservation Mini Videos

Scott and Jenne have been working with the District's outreach team to produce three short videos aimed at encouraging local horse farm owners and managers to contact us for technical assistance. The planning staff provide assistance on a number of common horse related water quality issues. The three videos will discuss heavy use areas (to reduce mud and runoff), manure composting (to reduce negative impacts to surface and ground water) and pasture management (to reduce invasive weeds and improve soil health). The videos are being produced with funding the District received from the Oregon Department of Agriculture. In the videos, Jenne is acting as one of the landowners at her newly acquired horse property in Beaver Creek. In fact, Scott has been providing Jenne with great technical assistance on how to improve the condition of her property for water quality, soil health and wildlife benefits. Another Clackamas horse farm that planners have worked extensively with will also be highlighted in the video series.





The Latest from the Education and Outreach Program May 2021

Web Posts

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

- [Request for Qualifications: Septic System Repair Services](#)
- [May Invasive Weed of the Month: Orange Hawkweed](#)
- [Celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Week](#)
- [Budget Committee Meeting April 27, 2021](#)



May Invasive Weed of the Month:
Orange Hawkweed



At long last the erosion control video that we have been talking about for month is finished.

This is the worldwide debut of *Wet Season Erosion and Sediment Control Practices for Growers!*

Click on the title above and enjoy.

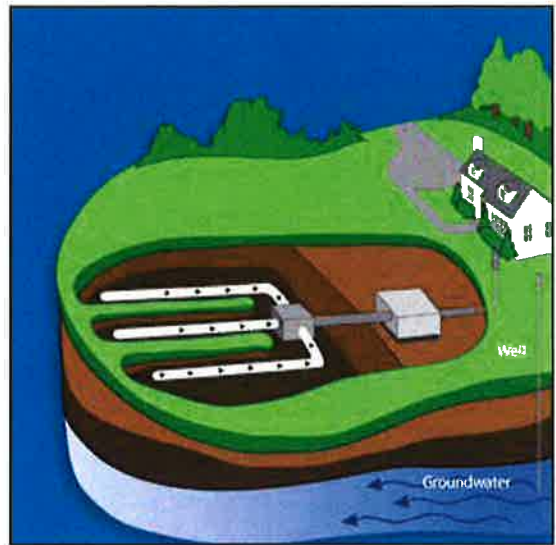


Workshops and Outreach Events

Septic Workshop - On April 28, 2021, we offered the virtual *Septic System Workshop: Learn how to Check it, Fix it, Maintain it!* We have been offering this workshop in conjunction with the Clackamas River Water Providers, Clackamas County, and Oregon DEQ since 2015.

Attendance was low but this time we could record the workshop. Now we have a tool we can use when folks want to learn about their septic systems. We also have a permanent recording of Eann Rains and a very good explanation of our septic system loan!

As more homes are built in our rural areas, we have more folks who have never dealt with septic systems. This topic never becomes old news, but now we have the opportunity to offer the information on demand!



CONNECT Conference



For those of you who have attended the CONNECT conference in the past know that the real magic of that conference is the opportunity to meet and “connect” with others across the state who do what you do! Also, the high-quality sessions have drawn requests to attend by other organizations including state agencies, watershed councils, and land trusts.

Although we were not able to be together this year, a nice selection of informative sessions was offered on May 11-13, 2021. As usual, our staff members Jason Faucera and Cathy McQueeney were front and center in the planning and execution of this event. We thank them both for their commitment and hard work.

NACD Summit: Wind, Water, and Wildfires

On May 6, 2021, Lisa Kilders participated in a panel to talk about our District’s efforts to assist in wildfire awareness and preparedness education. Disasters such as high winds, wildfires, and flooding caused significant damage to natural resources across the United States. Conservation districts are uniquely positioned to assist communities with planning and preparedness before, during, and after disasters.

In this summit series, regional sessions were organized to show how conservation districts are working together with all community members to conquer the challenges facing private landowners. Success happens when landowners and agencies come together to meet the needs of our local communities.



The Western Summit was held on May 6, 2021, with 54 attendees from across the western states. The Southeast Summit was held on May 11 and 12, 2021, and the Northeast Summit will be held on May 25 and 26, 2021. All Summit session recordings will be available on the NACD website sometime after the last event.

Have a great month!



May 14, 2021

BRIEFING NOTE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RE: WeedWise Program Update



Orange Hawkweed: Weed of the Month

The WeedWise program is highlighting orange hawkweed as our [May Weed-of-the-Month](#). May is a great time of year to focus on orange hawkweed. This is the month when we typically see orange hawkweed starting to bloom at lower elevations and it is a great time for county residents to keep their eyes open for the orange dandelion-like flowers.

Orange hawkweed is a high priority Class A noxious weed in Oregon. It is known to spread quickly once it becomes established, especially in open grasslands where it can quickly become the dominate species. The WeedWise program is currently working to control this species throughout Clackamas County. We are also partnering with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Mt Hood National Forest, Portland Water Bureau, and Bonneville Power Administration to treat the largest known orange hawkweed infestation in the state.



Spring Treatments and Surveys

The WeedWise program has spent the last month managing some of our most damaging invasive weeds. The unusually warm and exceptionally dry weather has really ramped up the plant growth, and plants are maturing quickly. As a result, our staff and contractors are scrambling to manage plants before they set seed.

This time of year, our spring control work is dominated by garlic mustard. Justin has been prioritizing work in the lower Willamette, and we have been focusing on isolated garlic mustard patches infestations in West Linn, Wilsonville, and the lower Tualatin River.

Justin has also been very active maintaining both the Beavercreek Farm property. He has been able to treat the hay fields, fence lines, and maintain the hedgerows installed last season. At the Eagle Creek Community Forest, Justin has been managing the road system, and treating riparian weeds as follow up maintenance of the Sutter Creek project.

Lindsey continues working on garlic mustard and other priority invasive weeds throughout much of the lower Clackamas. The immense amount of work underway in the last month has been impressive. On top of that Lindsey has been planning activities in the Upper portions of the Clackamas in the areas impacted by the Riverside Fire. She has been coordinating with Forest Service staff to plan seasonal activities.

Courtney has been surveying and treating garlic mustard and oblong spurge in the Sandy River watershed. This past month she treated a large infestation of garlic mustard that was found late last season. The flush of seedlings she documented on site is certainly impressive!

Courtney has also been coordinating activities for our upcoming hawkweed treatments within the powerline corridor along Lolo pass. She has carrying out phenology checks and is organizing a field orientation to train BPA contractors to identify and treat the hawkweeds as they join in the effort this season.

So far this season, the WeedWise program has logged 152 noxious weed control treatments totaling 88 net acres.



Wildfire Updates

This past month Lindsey was able to gain access into the burn area of the Riverside Fire. The field visit was coordinated with staff from the Mt Hood National Forest to assess conditions ahead of planned weed control work. Lindsey is planning survey and treatment activities within the Riverside Fire, but safety is a significant concern due to hazard trees as well as landslides and rock fall.

We are also planning work associated with the Beachie Creek Fire in conjunction with BLM. This season we are planning significant survey and treatment activities along trails within the Table Rock Wilderness area.

Unfortunately, the federal contracts for our fire-related activities are still waiting to be finalized. As a result, much of our planned early spring work has been pushed back as we wait on final agreements to be signed. These delays are limiting our ability to respond in this first season, but we are hopeful that agreements are nearing completion and we are looking forward to moving forward in the coming month.





Lindsey shared with staff some of the views from within the Riverside Fire footprint.



Garlic Mustard in the Sandy Basin

A recently discovered large infestation of garlic mustard was treated recently in the Sandy Basin. Although, we have been working on several small patches, this is the first large infestation found in the Sandy. Courtney has been spearheading the outreach and control efforts for the six landowners impacted by the infestation. Courtney was recently assisted by our CREP Specialist, Drew who helped with follow up control work. This infestation will continue to be a priority in the coming years, as we work to reduce the immense number of seed that are currently germinating on site.

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Welcome to the Priority Weeds of Clackamas County!

Help conserve the natural beauty of Clackamas County by sharing your noxious weed observations. We will do our best to ensure that your noxious weed observations become a thing

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Overview **143** OBSERVATIONS **21** SPECIES **59** IDENTIFIERS **62** OBSERVERS [Stats](#)

Recent Observations [View All](#)

Japanese Knotweed
Reynoutria japonica 1 3d

Spurge-Laurel
Daphne laureola 1 7d

Garlic Mustard
Alliaria petiolata 3 8d

Leafy Spurge
Euphorbia esula 9d

Technical Assistance

The WeedWise program continues to respond to many spring technical assistance calls. In recent weeks, the WeedWise program has been saturated with many requests and reports related to Scotch broom, Blackthorn, Poison oak, shining geranium, oblong spurge, and false brome, among others.

Sam is spearheading the majority of our technical assistance calls generated from phone and email contacts to the District, as well as reports submitted to the [Oregon Invasive Species Hotline](#), and through [iNaturalist](#). In addition, we are continuing to receive referrals from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, due to a reduction in staff time within the Noxious Weed Program.

While it is great to see the interest of our residents in invasive weed issues, it does stress our capacity during these critical spring months. This is not unusual, as we [typically see an uptick in interest at this time of year](#). The question is whether the massive increase in calls we received last year during the pandemic persists through into the 2021 field season.



Lolo Pass Hawkweed Planning

The WeedWise program has been ramping up planning efforts associated with the Lolo Pass hawkweed control work. WeedWise staff participated in a planning meeting to discuss logistics and coordination at the site.

This year we will be rolling out our new AGOL mapping system that can be shared across partners to allow for increased coordination with staff. Justin and Courtney are currently working with staff from ODA to prepare that resource.

Courtney has also been organizing a partner orientation and identification field visit to help calibrate partners and Bonneville Power Administration staff and contractors that will be assisting with the work this season. We are very excited about the increased interest this season.

Not only is BPA provided monetary support to the control effort, but they are going to be integrating hawkweed control into their vegetation management efforts and will be spearheading efforts on the Hood River County portion of the infestation.

BPA is joining a collation of regional partners working with the WeedWise program on this project including the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Mt Hood National Forest, and Portland Water Bureau.



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NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK

Oregon Weed Awareness Week and National Invasive Species Action Week

May 15-22 is *Oregon Weed Awareness Week* and *National Invasive Species Awareness Week Pt II*. This is the week that we are focused on outreach and education activities to encourage folks to take action in their homes and neighborhoods to control invasive weeds.

Learn more about this event by visiting the [NISAW website](#), and don't forget to register for one of the free webinars!



Knotweed Biocontrol

This past month the WeedWise program was able to participate in monitoring and releases of the knotweed psyllid (*Aphalara itadori*), with staff from Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Agriculture's Biological Control Program. Both Justin and Sam were able to participate in the activity over two weeks. Unfortunately, the psyllids released last season were not found this spring, but extensive follow-up releases are planned for the current season. The release site in Clackamas County has been one of the most promising in the state with the psyllids performing very well on plants sourced from the county.

To learn more about the knotweed psyllid, please review the link to the technical document below.
https://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/technology/pdfs/FHTET-2017-03_Biocontrol_Knotweeds.pdf



4 COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area



Cooperative Weed Management Areas

Columbia Gorge CWMA

The Columbia Gorge CWMA is currently ramping up activities ahead of a virtual Boot Brush Kickoff event planned for later this spring. Courtney has been reaching out to local land managers and have been organizing much needed maintenance and repair to boot brushes through the Columbia Gorge. The Columbia Gorge CWMA is funding the brush and signage replacement needed for these repairs.

In addition, the Columbia Gorge CWMA is also considering the development of a small grant program to reinvest partner contributions back out to the CWMA to support restoration, prevention, and education activities. The process associated with this effort is still in development, but we hope to roll out the program later this year.

4-County CWMA

The 4-County CWMA has launched a new effort to update and develop its current website. This has long been a focus of the CWMA, in its efforts to better serve its member organizations. The CWMA Steering Committee has been discussing a scope of work and will be looking to secure design firms to help with this process. We are excited to update this resource to help assist our member organizations.

What is Wrong with this Picture?



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Voucher Approval List

5/6/2021

Date	Number	Payee	Memo	Payment
5/6/2021	100597	AFLAC	Acct: LGF14 PPE 04/30/21	\$ 766.21
5/6/2021	100598	Nicole Ahr	Reimbursement: Mileage 04/2021	\$ 130.03
5/6/2021	100599	American Heating Inc	CSWCD: Rpr Svcs [HVAC] 04/2021	\$ 4,057.00
5/6/2021	100600	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [SRL-7006] 05/2021	\$ 158.00
5/6/2021	100601	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [SRL-7012] 05/2021	\$ 158.00
5/6/2021	100602	Clackamas ESD	CSWCD: Connectivity [Q3] 03/2021	\$ 894.20
5/6/2021	100603	Clackamas Dept of Finance	CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 05/2021	\$ 22,352.18
5/6/2021	100604	Drew Donahue	Reimbursement: Mileage 04/2021	\$ 19.49
5/6/2021	100605	Scott Eden	Reimbursement: Mileage 04/2021	\$ 80.08
5/6/2021	100606	Garmin Services, Inc	Acct: DL627537 04/2021	\$ 73.96
5/6/2021	100607	Lingua Franca LLC (refund::dup pmt)	CSWCD: Refund [211204895317] 05/2021	\$ 1,154.50
5/6/2021	100608	Metro Overhead Door	Acct: 57392 Rpr Svcs [Gate] 04/2021	\$ 294.00
5/6/2021	100609	Northwest Local Government Legal Advisors, LLC	CSWCD: Prof Svcs [Legal] 04/2021	\$ 150.00
5/6/2021	100610	Oregon City Garbage, Inc	Acct: 57768000 05/2021	\$ 96.90
5/6/2021	100611	Pacific Office Automation	Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 03/2021	\$ 172.28
5/6/2021	100612	PGE	Acct: 9606754531 4/23/21	\$ 540.81
5/6/2021	100613	T-MOBILE (Current and reissued pmt)	Acct: 961602090 02/2021-4/2021	\$ 1,509.81
5/6/2021	100614	US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems	Acct: 869284679 04/2021	\$ 330.35
5/6/2021	100615	VOYA Financial OSGP	CSWCD: 457b EE/ER PPE 04/30/21	\$ 12,319.67

Subtotal: \$ 45,257.47

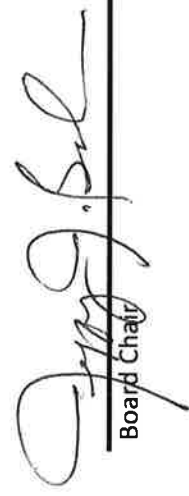
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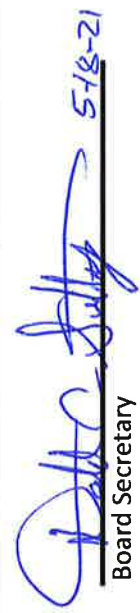
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5/17/2021	100617	Bruce Johnson Construction LLC	CSWCD: Rpr Svcs [SRL-7014] 50% 05/2021	\$ 7,250.00	CF
5/17/2021	100618	Buell's Impressions Printing	CSWCD: OCEAN Certs 05/2021	\$ 18.13	
5/17/2021	100619	Cascade Environmental Group, LLC	PSC-1820-4037 NWQI 03/2021-04/2021	\$ 1,976.25	
5/17/2021	100620	Cedar Mill Construction Company LLC	CSWCD: TI [002] 04/2021	\$ 50,825.00	

5/17/2021	100621	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [SRL-7007] 05/2021	\$	158.00	
5/17/2021	100622	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [7014] 05/2021	\$	158.00	
5/17/2021	100623	Clackamas County Clerk	CSWCD: Recording Fee [7015] 05/2021	\$	158.00	
5/17/2021	100624	Clackamas River Water	CSWCD: Water 04/2021	\$	443.34	
5/17/2021	100625	Covenant Systems LLC	Proj:2104-013 Bldg Maint [Keypads] 04/2021	\$	1,008.00	
5/17/2021	100626	Coverall North America, Inc	Acct: 157-6800 05/2021	\$	567.00	
5/17/2021	100627	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: Rpr Svcs [SRL-7012] Final 05/2021	\$	12,799.00	CF
5/17/2021	100628	E & A Systems Incorporated	CSWCD: Rpr Svcs [SRL-7015] 50% 05/2021	\$	12,475.00	CF
5/17/2021	100629	Green Banks, LLC	WW-2019-05 CRISP EDRR 04/2021	\$	5,964.52	CF
5/17/2021	100630	Impact Printing	Job 171010 Postcards 03/2021	\$	238.15	
5/17/2021	100631	J Franco Reforestation, Inc	WW-2019-07 [LM-JC-201-01] 04/2021	\$	3,539.96	CF
5/17/2021	100632	Pamplin Media Group	Acct: 16009187 Sub 05/2021	\$	80.00	
5/17/2021	100633	Sound Native Plants Inc	WW-2019-12 [CRISP EDRR] 04/2021	\$	6,702.28	CF
5/17/2021	100634	Spire Technologies, Inc	Acct: 02208 06/2021	\$	780.00	
5/17/2021	100635	The Gold Wrench	CSWCD: Rpr Svcs [F150] 04/2021	\$	159.75	
5/17/2021	100636	The Oregonian Media Group	Acct: 1039096002 LB-1 05/2021	\$	2,191.98	
5/17/2021	100637	Zions Bank	Acct: 10100000309219 ECCF 06/2021	\$	153,958.35	

Subtotal: \$ 263,134.04

Total: \$	308,391.51
Total Conservation Fund	\$ 50,414.09


 Board Chair


 Board Secretary

5-18-21