



Approved June 21, 2022

Clackamas SWCD Board Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2022

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| PRESENT | Directors: | Jeff Becker (Chair), Roger Fantz (Treasurer), Don Guttridge (Secretary) Jim Johnson, Joan Zuber |
| | Associate Directors: | PK Melethil, Anna Rankin |
| | Directors Emeritus: | |
| | Staff: | Justin Cooley, Drew Donahue, Jason Faucera, Tami Guttridge, Lisa Kilders, Chris Lapp, Sam Leininger, Cathy McQueeney, Jenne Reische, Nathan Tucker |
| | Partners: | Kim Galland (Natural Resources Conservation Service) |
| | Guest: | |
| NOT PRESENT: | | Jan Lee, Jesse Nelson (Vice-Chair) |

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 17, 2022, for the Clackamas SWCD via “Zoom” originating from the office at 22055 S Beaver Creek Rd, Beaver Creek, Oregon.

Chair Becker asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were no changes requested.

- B. Public Comment** – There was no public comment

C. Director reports –

- Director Johnson reported that Barbara Boyer, who serves as chair of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission has been appointed and confirmed as a commissioner to the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Johnson also reported on a Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) ruling regarding short-term rentals in farm zones. Clackamas County has approved these rentals without there being an approval review, and LUBA ruled this to be in violation of the Exclusive Farm Use rules. Johnson also reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service has put forth \$6.75 million for working land easements.

- Associate Director Melethil reported that he had toured the Eagle Creek Community Forest with Staff Faucera. Melethil learned the definition of "Industrial Agriculture" and how it applied to the working forest.
 - Associate Director Rankin reported she had a conversation with the Department of Forestry regarding staffing, and they felt it would be five to ten years before they were back on track. Rankin asked the Board to consider appointing someone to be a liaison to the watershed council. Rankin is also trying to recruit stakeholders in her area to serve on the council. It was suggested that Rankin contact Nellie McAdams of Oregon Agriculture Trust to speak with the watershed board about easements and working land.
- D. Partner reports** – Partner Kim Galland with the Natural Resources Conservation Service reported that her staff member Matt Edwards had taken a position with NRCS in Oxnard, California, and that staff member Mike Hensley's last day would be May 20, 2022, as he has decided to be a stay-at-home dad and farmer. Edward's position will be filled from within. Galland and Basin Team Leader Leo Preston will hold interviews for this position on May 19 and May 20, 2022. Galland is hoping that the posting for Hensley's position will be an open posting. The department is looking for someone with Urban experience. Galland has also been working with Clackamas SWCD staff on Conservation Cart Training.
- E. Manager's report on committees** – District Manager (DM) Lapp reported on committee meetings.
- The Budget Committee met via "Zoom" on April 26, 2022, to take public comment on the proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year budget. The Committee approved the proposed budget and the property tax to be levied.
 - The Finance Committee met on May 4, and May 11, 2022, via "Zoom" to begin working through revisions and to discuss improvements to the District's financial policy.
 - The Equity Action Team met via "Zoom" on May 5, 2022, to discuss the foundation training with Consultant Yee Won Chong. The Team sent a poll out to staff regarding the training and will report later in the meeting.
 - The Personnel Committee met on May 10, 2022, to discuss proposed personnel actions that will be presented later in the meeting.

2 – MINUTES

- A. March 29, 2022, Budget Committee Meeting minutes** – Budget Committee Meeting minutes for March 29, 2022, were presented. The Board Secretary reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Johnson moved/seconded to approve the March 29, 2022; Budget Committee minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. **April 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes** – Board Meeting minutes for April 19, 2022, were presented. The Board Secretary reviewed the minutes.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve April 19, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. **April 26, 2022, Budget Committee Meeting minutes** – Budget Committee Meeting minutes for April 26, 2022, were presented. The Board Secretary reviewed the minutes. Director Guttridge noted a spelling error and asked that the minutes be corrected.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve April 26, 2022, Budget Committee minutes as corrected. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, and Zuber. Abstaining: Johnson, who was not present at the meeting. The motion carried with a majority vote.

- D. **April 26, 2022, Special Board Meeting minutes** – Board Meeting minutes for April 26, 2022, Special Board meeting were presented. The Board Secretary has reviewed the minutes.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve April 26, 2022, Special Board Meeting minutes as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

3 – FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. **Review and accept financial reports** – Staff Tucker presented the April 2022 financial reports. Total assets at the end of April were \$11.9 million, total liabilities were \$6.8 million, net assets at the end of April were \$ 5.1 million. Expenses for April were \$154,313 and revenues were \$13,947. The District has received approximately \$53,000 in tax revenues over the projected budget.

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

- B. **Disbursements** – Staff Tucker presented the May 2022 disbursement reports. The Automatic Clearing House payments totaled \$15,091.66. The check disbursements were numbered 100978 to 101010 with no breaks in the sequence and no voids. The check totals for the month were \$67,713.74 with \$17,739.91 from the conservation fund. Tucker noted that check number 100997 was a reissue of a check that was not received by the recipient.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve the May 2022 disbursements as presented. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

4 – OTHER FINANCIALS

- A. **Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget** – Staff Tucker asked if the Board had any questions regarding the proposed budget. There were no questions.

- B. Resolution 2022-002 for Special Purpose Grant Revision** – Staff Tucker asked the Board to approve Resolution 2022-002 to appropriate special purpose grant funds that the District received in fiscal year 2021-2022. These grants were not anticipated during the 2021-2022 budget cycle, but have since been awarded to the WeedWise department, and must be appropriated before they may be used.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to authorize a revision of the District's FY 21-22 Budget as proposed in Resolution #2022-002 to accept and allocate Special Purpose Grants. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Resolution 2022-003 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget** – Staff Tucker presented Resolution 2022-003 to adopt the budget, make appropriations, and impose and categorize the property tax for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Tucker asked if the Board had any further questions regarding the proposed Budget.

Directors Becker/Fantz moved/seconded to adopt Resolution 2022-003 to adopt the budget, make appropriations, and impose and categorize the property tax for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Loan Payments Review** – Staff Tucker reviewed upcoming loan payments for the District. Tucker noted that the District has loans with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for septic loan repairs and conservation projects. This loan has an upcoming payment in June which will need to be made with a Local Government Investment Pool transfer. In June there are also payments due to Zions Bank for loans on the Eagle Creek Community Forest and the Conservation Resource Center. All these loans have two payments due per year, a principal and interest payment in June and an interest payment in December. Staff Tucker asked for Board approval to make these loan payments at the beginning of the month, the DEQ payment by transfer, and the Zions bank payments in the first check run.

Directors Fantz/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve payments to Zions Bank in the first check run of June 2022 and to approve the LGIP transfer payment to the Department of Environmental Quality. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Presentation – Drew Donahue

Staff Drew Donahue gave a presentation regarding the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). The program has been available in Oregon since the 1998 Farm Bill was passed and collaborates with landowners to preserve and enhance riparian areas. There is an increased interest in the program in Clackamas County.

Donahue works as the CREP Technician in Clackamas, Marion, and Yamhill Counties. Working with the Education and Outreach program, Donahue has produced a video about the program, and a new brochure that can be used in all counties. Clackamas County has seven CREP projects that are currently in place, seven more projects in progress, and six more interested landowners. Donahue's position is grant-funded, and the funding has been renewed as of January 1, 2022, for a two-year period. Please see Donahue's PowerPoint presentation which is a part of these minutes.

5 – PROJECTS, PROGRAMS

- A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training** – Staff McQueeney reported that as part of the DEI work in the District, short biographies of staff and board members will be shared to help the board and staff to get to know each other better. It is also an opportunity for the community to get to know the board and staff of the District.

McQueeney also reported that the Equity Action Team met on May 5, 2022, to review the foundation training that Board and Staff had taken, facilitated by Yee Won Chong. The training was designed to be level setting, establishing a common vocabulary and base. McQueeney shared a brief review of the results of the poll the staff had filled out regarding the training.

6 – PERSONNEL

- A. Proposed Wage Adjustment for WeedWise Specialists** – DM Lapp met with the Personnel Committee on May 10, 2022, to discuss proposed pay adjustment for the Education and Outreach Specialist position and the WeedWise specialist positions.

Lapp also proposed to increase the wages of the three WeedWise specialists. The wage adjustments had been budgeted for in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget and are needed to address an ongoing disparity in compensation for the WeedWise specialists. Lapp asked that the Board support a two-step increase for all three employees. Specialists Cooley and Karr from Band C/Step 9 to Band C/Step 11 and Specialist Gattuso from Band C/Step 8 to Band C/Step 10 and that these wage adjustments be retroactive to July 1, 2021.

Directors Guttridge/Fantz moved/seconded to approve salary adjustments for Staff Cooley and Karr from Band C/Step 9 to Band C/Step 11, and for Staff Gattuso from Band C/Step 8 to Band C/Step 10 effective immediately and retroactive to July 1, 2021. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Proposed Wage Adjustment for Education/Outreach Specialist** – DM Lapp proposed a pay increase for the Education and Outreach Specialist. This pay increase was discussed with and supported by the Personnel Committee. The objective for this adjustment is to bring the position pay scale in closer alignment with the position's growing complexity. Lapp asked the Board to support a one-step increase for Staff McQueeney from Band C/Step 8 to Band C/Step 9, this increase to be effective July 1, 2022.

Directors Johnson/Guttridge moved/seconded to approve a salary adjustment for Staff McQueeney from Band C/Step 8 to Band C/Step 9, effective July 1, 2022. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Proposed appointment of Land Management Program Manager** – DM Lapp recommended to the Board that Staff Faucera be permanently assigned to the Land Management Program Manager position. Faucera was appointed to this position on an interim basis in November of 2021. The program has proven to be a good fit for his skill set. Faucera has taken the lead in managing the Eagle Creek Community Forest and working with the Community Forest Advisory as well as with the Working Lands and Natural Lands Protection Committee.

Directors Johnson/Guttridge moved/seconded to appoint Staff Faucera to be the Land Management Program Manager. The vote was as follows: In Favor: Becker, Fantz, Guttridge, Johnson and Zuber. The motion carried unanimously.

7 – BOARD AND MANAGER REPORTS

- A. **Reopening of the Conservation Resource Center** – DM Lapp reported that the District is planning a re-opening of the office for staff and board use as of July 1, 2022. There will still be a hybrid work model in place. Lapp hopes to have a solution for the acoustical issue in the board room and office area addressed by that time. The District is also looking into technology and equipment to fulfill the need for virtual access to the District’s public meetings.

B. Management reports –

- **Education and Outreach** – Staff Kilders shared a short presentation about the May 14, 2022, pesticide collection event. The event was held with District partners, Clackamas River Water Providers, and the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture. The next collection event will take place in Mt. Angel in Marion County. Kilders also spoke about outreach strategies, partnering with other districts to receive grant funding, and making new videos for the District’s Vimeo channel. Current videos on that channel include topics such as manure management, the Molalla River National Water Quality Initiative, and erosion control. Kilders will send out a link to a brief video. Please also see Kilders Outreach and Education write up which is part of these minutes.
- **WeedWise** – Staff Cooley gave a presentation regarding the WeedWise work with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Beachie Creek Fire Area. We are assisting with invasive weed control on approximately 17,000 acres controlled by the BLM. This area does not have many of the high priority weeds the District usually treats, so contractors are helping by also targeting weeds like scotch broom and blackberry. Most treatments are spot spraying for minimum impact on native plants along road rights-of-way. Cooley noted there will be a survey in the Table Rock wilderness, which was last surveyed approximately ten years ago. The District will need special permission to conduct treatments in that area. Please see Staff Leininger’s report which is a part of these minutes.

8 – PROPERTY, PLANNING

- A. Strategic Planning Facilitator** – DM Lapp reported that he is finalizing the contract with Amy Stork Consulting for the Strategic Planning facilitation. The draft contract and timeline are in the online “Box” for Board members to review. Lapp asked that the Board send him any questions or suggestions regarding the process after they have reviewed the documents.

9 – OTHER REPORTS

- No reports.

ADJOURN AND NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting will be on June 21, 2022, 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

2022 Pesticide Collection Event

- **42 participants** (much larger than recent events)
- **10,000 pounds** of old, unusable, or restricted pesticides collected
- **A mini mountain** of triple-rinsed containers for recycling

Evento de recolección de pesticidas agrícolas GRATIS
Sábado, 14 de Mayo de 2022, en Clackamas, Oregon
Solo por cita

- Evento de recolección anónimo
- Eliminación Gratis de pesticidas viejos, restringidos o inutilizables
- Envases de plaguicidas de plástico lavados a presión o con triple papel quitados
- Envases de plástico vacíos

FREE Agricultural Pesticide Collection Event

Saturday, May 14, 2022, in Clackamas, Oregon
by appointment only

- Anonymous collection event
- Free disposal of old, restricted, or unusable pesticides
- Triple-rinsed or pressure-washed plastic pesticide containers recycled
 - caps and paper pamphlets removed
- no registration needed for empty plastic containers
- **Registration required for an appointment to drop off pesticides**

To register, download forms at:
www.clackamasproviders.org www.conservationdistrict.org
Or
contact Jonathan Van Hoesen of Clean Harbors Environmental Services
at 503-307-3603
or vanhoesen.jonathan@cleanharbors.com

Register by May 1, 2022.
After May 1 call Clean Harbors to see if room is available!
Funding is limited, so register early!

Clackamas River Water Providers OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CLACKAMAS RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- No reservations were necessary for recycling plastic.
- AGRI-PLAS picked up the plastic at no charge.
- We heard that it is increasingly more difficult to find plastic recycling opportunities.
- Many suggested we offer plastic recycling more often!





Collection at events in Clackamas County

| Pounds of Pesticides | Date Collected |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 10,000 | May 2022 |
| 12,790 | October 2019 |
| 19,500 | June 2018 |
| 9,150 | April 2017 |
| 12,437 | November 2016 |
| 18,627 | June 2013 |
| 21,166 | October 2011 |
| 35,184 | March 2011 |
| 18,351 | 2009 |
| 17,500 | 2007 |
| 174,705 | pounds |
| 87.35 | tons |



The cost of pesticide disposal has increased by almost 40%

The next opportunity is in Mount Angel this October!



Stages of Outreach Challenges During the Pandemic!

- Postpone and wait until this all blows over!
- Realized it would not be over soon, so some made really bad cell phone videos.
- Partnered and conquered!

Clackamas Video Channel on Vimeo

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Clackamas SWCD

📍 Beaver Creek OR, USA

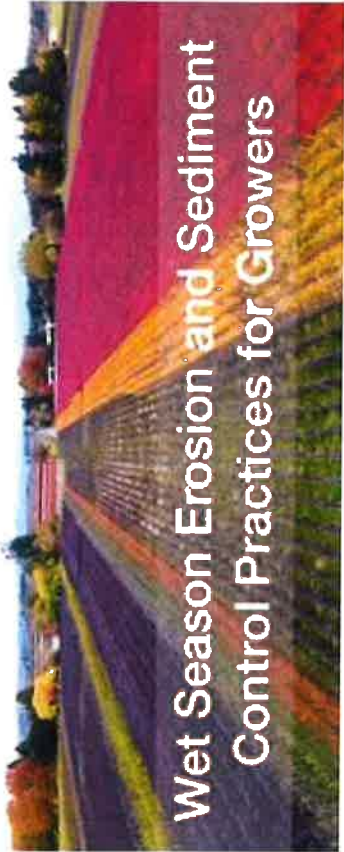
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Wet Season Erosion and Sediment Control Practices for Growers

Molalla River Watershed Drinking Water Quality Assessment and Source Protection Plan
May 13, 2020

Molalla River Watershed Drinking Water Quality Assessment and So...

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
DEER HARBOR
WHEELER COUNTY
SIOUX COUNTY, OREGON

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Mud Management for Cleaner Water

CSWCD Manage Mud with Heavy Use Area

CSWCD Manage Mud with Heavy Use Area



The Latest from the Education and Outreach Program May 2022

Web Posts

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

- [May is Wildfire Awareness Month](#)
- [Spring Tips to Keep Manure Out of Water](#)
- [District Supports 2022 Farmers Markets](#)
- [Agricultural Pesticide Collection Event, May 2022](#)
- [May Invasive Weed of the Month: Orange Hawkweed](#)
- [Budget Committee Approves FY 2022-2023 Budget](#)
- [Protect Spring Pastures: Grazing Guidelines](#)
- [Horse Pasture Management: Broadleaf Weeds](#)
- [It's Time to Read Your Pasture](#)
- [Meet Roger Fantz, Clackamas SWCD At-Large Representative](#)
- [Focus on Staff: Nathan Tucker, Fiscal Administrator](#)
- [April Invasive Weed of the Month: Garlic Mustard](#)
- [Proposed Budget and Budget Message Released for FY 2022-2023](#)
- [Notice of Budget Committee Meeting](#)

Springing Forward Slowly

As the weather slowly warms, we are slowly gearing up to return to some in-person events. The excitement of pulling out our display material for these events has been like Christmas!

Cathy attended a 20th Anniversary celebration for the [Center for Research in Environmental Sciences & Technologies](#) (CREST), an environmental learning center for the West Linn-Wilsonville School District.

We also offered an unstaffed display at an Earth Day event up the road at the 10 O'Clock Church.



Olivia Palacios

2022 Scholarship Recipient!

This year's \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to Olivia Palacios

Olivia attended Canby High School and lives in Aurora

This fall she will be studying Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University.

Pesticide Collection Event

Our largest ever Agricultural Pesticide Collection Event is happening this Saturday. We have 45 participants registered to bring in their old, unusable, or restricted pesticides.

Funding for this event comes from Clackamas River Water Providers and the Oregon Department of Agriculture. We provide the coordination and promotion! What a deal!



We are hard at work making acoustical fixes for the staff area and the large conference room!



Back in the Virtual World...

Horsekeeping Workshop Series

Our Horsekeeping Workshop Series ended on March 23, but before we disbanded 145 people signed up for the monthly wrap-up of our website posts. We now have 379 people subscribing to our monthly wrap-up!

To honor those horse property owners who are now subscribed want have started a monthly post called the Nay-borly News. These articles are a collaboration between Outreach staff and Conservation Specialists. All Nay-borly News articles and additional information including links to our videos will be located on the Horsekeeping and Land Management page on our website.



Gina Lochtie prize winner

Landscaping for Wildlife

Even after four years of offering this two-part workshop, we still had 100 people register to learn how to create a habitat for backyard wildlife. This is a fun workshop and as an added enticement for participants to fill out the post-workshop survey, we offered a chance to win a Mason Bee Box. The lucky winner was Gina Lochtie who stopped by our office last week to claim her prize!

Our partners in this workshop venture are the [Backyard Habitat Certification Program](#), [Clackamas River Basin Council](#), and the [National Wildlife Federation](#).

Climate Training for Conservation Specialists

We provide training, not only for our county residents, but also coordinate training to support our Conservation Specialists. Last fall, after attending a Climate Resilience training with area conservation specialists, there seemed to be a need for additional information. So, with a few phone calls and emails, the area SWCDs and NRCS staff formed a climate resilience group interested in discussions of climate challenges and solutions, plus receiving training when the need is felt.

To date, we have had training on the [Pacific Northwest Cover Crop Selection Tool](#) and Managing for Soil Biology. These sessions are recorded so staff may view them when it fits their schedule. We hope to show them to local grower groups in the near future.

This is one way to expand and bolster our capacity to provide technical assistance to our constituents.

Up Next...

Coming up on May 24 and 25 is the [2022 Biodiversity Conference](#). Our District along with other SWCDs is sponsoring this FREE virtual conference focusing on practices to develop habitats that conserve agricultural biodiversity and their benefits in western farming systems for farmers, conservationists, and other agricultural professionals. Program speakers include many producers as well as conservation specialists.

The Clackamas County Lavender Festival is BACK!

Look for the District soil tunnel, back by popular demand, at this year's [Clackamas County Lavender Festival](#). After two years of cancellations, we are excited to again sponsor this lovely celebration of lavender!

The District has been a long-time supporter of this event. Check out the poster from 2008!



Native Plant trailer Update

The ice storm and heat dome caused extensive damage to our native plant trailer, but with fresh soil and new plants, we should be ready to roll again by 2023.

A poster for the 2008 Clackamas County Lavender Festival. The top part features a photograph of a lavender field at sunset with a mountain in the background. Below the photo, the text reads: "The Oregon Lavender Farm", "The day begins with the season's first harvest and distillation. And the sweet essence of lavender fills the summer air.", "2008 Clackamas County Lavender Festival", "SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH", "10 AM to 5 PM". A white box at the bottom contains details about the event: "Enjoy a Fun Filled Day of Music, Lavender Picking, Food, Beer & Wine Tasting, Wreath Making, Activities for Kids: Horseback Rides, Facepainting, Hay Pyramid, Arts & Crafts and more....", "Experience Lavender Chicken Wings, Lavender Ale, Lavender Ice Cream. Many Local Ag Vendors!". Sponsors listed are Clackamas Community College and Clackamas County Soils & Water District. The address is 20949 S. Harris Road Oregon City, Oregon 97045, with website www.oregonlavenderfarm.com. It also states "Free Admission - Service Animals Only" and "Copyright 2008 Liberty Nature Products, Inc." A yellow arrow points from the text above to the poster.



May 13, 2022

WEEDWISE UPDATE FOR THE CLACKAMAS SWCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS (APRIL-MAY)

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.

This is the first year that we also have [our new orange hawkweed brochure available](#) to help raise awareness about this priority noxious weed.



Oregon Invasive Weed Awareness Week.

May 15-21 is *Oregon Weed Awareness Week*. This is the week that we are focused on outreach and education activities to encourage folks to take action at their homes and in their neighborhoods to control invasive weeds.

This annual event allows us to highlight the impact and importance of managing invasive weeds in Oregon. Be sure to check out our suggestions for [10 ways to Celebrate Oregon Weed Awareness Week](#) on the WeedWise website. Learn more about the impacts of invasive species and the actions you can take to help protect our region.



April Showers

This spring has certainly been one for the record books. This year was officially the [wettest April on record](#) for our region, with 5.73 inches of rain reported at Portland International Airport. This wet weather nearly doubled our average of 2.89 inches for April.

The wet weather has also *dampened* our weed control activities in April. This is normally the time of year when we would have ramped up field activities with multiple crews out treating weeds each day. Unfortunately, the wet weather inhibits herbicide applications and limit access to some sites. As a result, our activities have stalled, and our spring treatment season is becoming increasingly compressed.

Currently the WeedWise team is focusing on sites where manual removal is needed and viable and impatiently waiting to take advantage of any viable weather windows that will allow treatments.



Spring Treatments and Surveys

Despite the wet conditions, the WeedWise team has been able to take advantage hand full of suitable days to treat priority weeds. Over the last month, the WeedWise program staff has been out in the field, carrying out phenology checks, surveying sites, and treating a suite of invasive weeds including garlic mustard, meadow knapweed, goatsrue, shining geranium, Italian thistle, false brome, and spurge laurel.

Lindsey has been working at various sites along the mainstem Clackamas River treating garlic mustard and other priority weeds. These treatments have focused on core CRISP management areas from Milo McIver down to Carver down to the confluence. She was recently able to connect with two new landowners with large garlic mustard populations on large flood plains right next to the water and was able to treat them last week.

Lindsey also has crews working in the Riverside burn at campgrounds and day use areas along the Hwy 224 corridor. Contractors are targeting geraniums, blackberry, false brome, and a few other weeds to allow native vegetation to regenerate.

Scott and Anna joined Lindsey for a day in the field to target giant hogweed, oblong spurge, false brome, and spurge laurel. Scott helped Lindsey spray oblong spurge, and Anna pulled spurge laurel. Many thanks to Scott and Anna!

Courtney has also been working at several smaller garlic mustard sites that have been treated for a number of years as well as a large garlic mustard infestation recently discovered near Hackett Creek. She is also working on the planned orange hawkweed work scheduled for late May near Lolo Pass.

Justin has been treating garlic mustard in the middle Willamette for high priority infestations in Wilsonville, Canby, and Oregon City as well as infestations in Lake Oswego and West Linn. In addition, Justin is coordinating other high priority weed control efforts in support of our Oregon State Weed Board Grant. Work is also planned for the Beachie Creek burn area, but weather conditions continue to hinder implementation.

Views from the Field



Riverside Fire: A view from the Hole in the Wall Day Use Area



A new garlic mustard location discovered just south of Sandy referred to us by Anna Beebe. *Thanks Anna!*



Manual removal of garlic mustard at a high priority location in the Ladd Hill area outside Wilsonville.



Broom gall mite was observed causing significant mortality in one large Scotch broom stand.



Despite the cool and wet conditions, knotweed plant phenology appears to be well ahead of normal for this time of year.



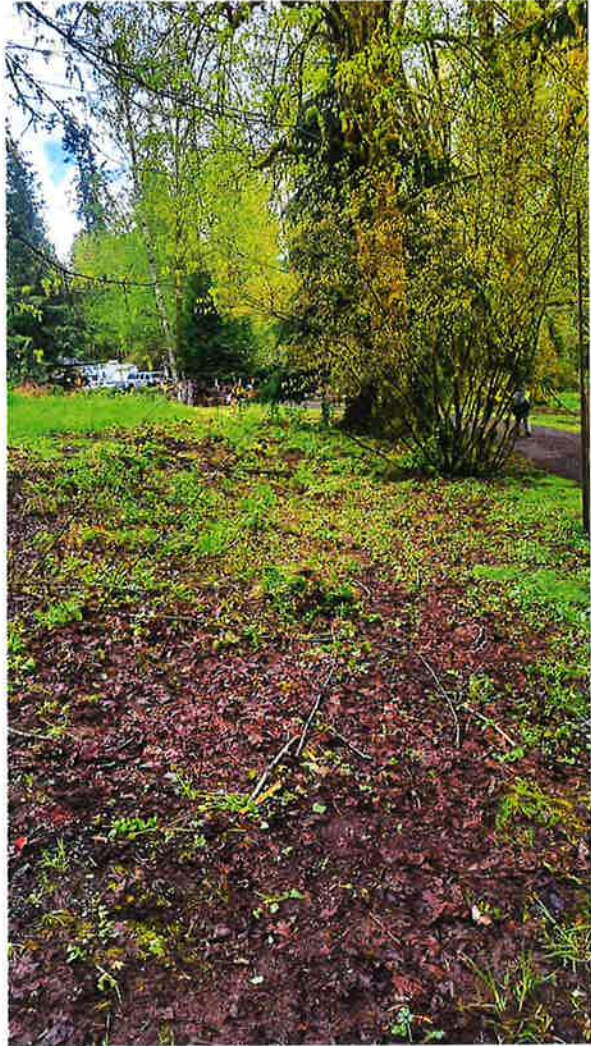
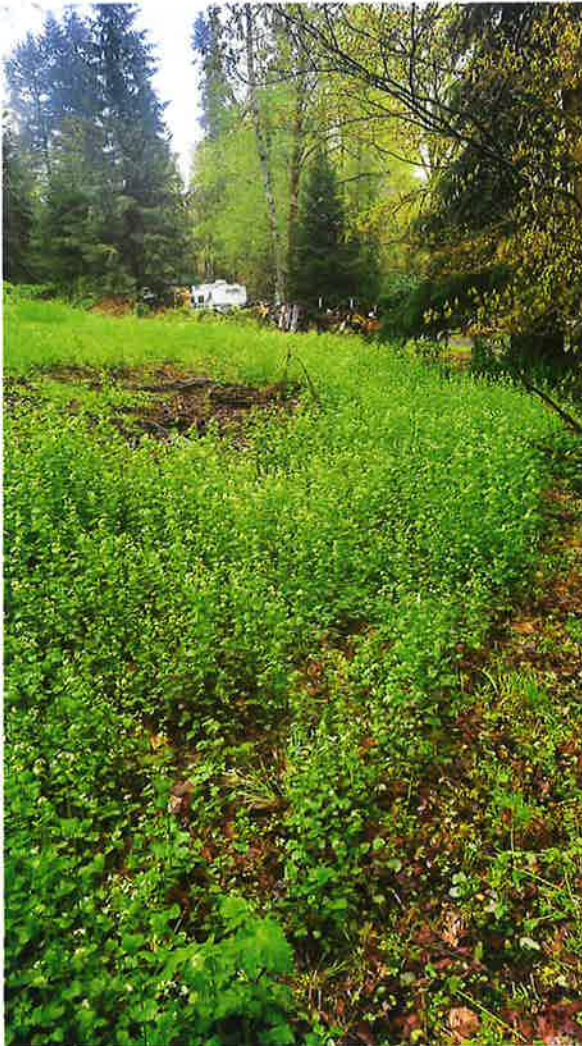
Lindsey removing garlic mustard from a new cooperator's property



Shining gernaum is in full bloom and plants are exploding this year due to the wet conditions. This plant currently tops our calls for technical assistance.



A truckload of garlic mustard following manual removal at one site.



Before and After: Manual removal of garlic mustard from one of the properties impacted by the largest garlic mustard infestation in the Sandy Basin



Before and After: A WeedWise contractor removes garlic mustard from a “no herbicide” property in the Sandy Basin.

About

Members 🔒 5

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.

[Read More >](#) [Your Membership](#)

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[Overview](#)
199 OBSERVATIONS
21 SPECIES
71 IDENTIFIERS
90 OBSERVERS
⚡ Stats

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| Spurge-Laurel <i>Daphne laureola</i> 🔒 2 4d | Bohemian Knotweed <i>Reynoutria × bohemica</i> 🔒 10d | Garlic Mustard <i>Alliaria petiolata</i> 🔒 3 12d | Garlic Mustard <i>Alliaria petiolata</i> 🔒 2 12d |
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Technical Assistance

The WeedWise program is launching into our season of [peak interest in weeds](#). This is the time of year when weeds are blooming, and people start to enjoy the milder temperatures. This translates into a steady increase of technical assistance request generated from phone and emails to the District, as well as reports submitted to the [Oregon Invasive Species Hotline](#), and through [iNaturalist](#).

Sam typically spearheads the majority of these technical assistance requests in an effort to free of field time for our WeedWise Specialists to focus on our Early Detection and Rapid Response species.

In recent weeks, the WeedWise program has been responding to many requests and reports related to shining geranium, garlic mustard, blackberry, and poison hemlock among others. Although, we are seeing a rapid uptick in the technical assistance requests, the ongoing rainy conditions have helped to ease this growth, as our phenology appears to be running a few weeks beyond normal.

It is great to see the interest of our residents in invasive weed issues, but it does stress our capacity during these critical spring months.



4 COUNTY Cooperative Weed Management Area



4-County CWMA

Website development

The 4-County Cooperative Weed Management Area has been continuing to plan the redevelopment of its website to better serve CWMA partner organizations. Efforts are underway across all of our committees to support his effort. We are nearing the end of the planning phase and will be working to secure a contractor to move us into the next phase of development.

Mapping and Data Templates

The mapping and data committee for the 4-County CWMA has also released a new data collection template for use by CWMA partners. The template takes advantage of the ESRI ArcGIS Online system and empowers our CWMA partners with an online tool for collecting data.

4-County CWMA Field Day is returning

After a two year, COVID induced hiatus, the much-loved 4-County CWMA Field Day is returning this year! This season the event will be hosted by our friends with Tualatin SWCD. Details are still being worked out, but a date has been set for June 15th. Space will be limited, but CWMA partners are looking forward to some rime in the field after two years of remote events.

Columbia Gorge CWMA

Columbia Gorge CWMA Small Grant Program

The Columbia Gorge CWMA recently announced a limited duration small grant program to support weed projects within the Columbia Gorge. This effort has been undertaken by the Steering Committee to reinvest a surplus of Columbia Gorge CWMA resources.

The Columbia Gorge CWMA recently awarded three \$5000 dollar awards to support:

- Underwood Conservation District's - *Tree of Heaven Control Demonstration Project*
- Forest Youth Success (Sponsored by Skamania County) - *Invasive Species Survey & Outreach Project*
- Friends of the Columbia Gorge - *Rush Skeletonweed Control and the New Mt Ulka Trail Project*

These are three great projects that we are excited about supporting them

Voucher Approval List

5/6/2022

| Date | Number | Payee | Memo | Payment |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 5/6/2022 | 100978 | AFLAC | Acct: LGF14 05/2022 | \$ 675.73 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100979 | Ant Farm, Inc | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100980 | Celebrate Milwaukie Inc | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100981 | City of Lake Oswego | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100982 | Clackamas River Water | Acct: 032327-00 04/2022 | \$ 459.22 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100983 | Coverall North America, Inc | Acct: 157-6920 [USDA] 05/2022 | \$ 1,363.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100984 | Clackamas Dept of Finance | CSWCD: EE/ER Benefits 05/2022 | \$ 23,622.06 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100985 | Garmin Services, Inc | Acct: DL627537 04/2022 | \$ 70.30 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100986 | Historic Willamette Main Street | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 1,500.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100987 | Hoodland Farmers Market | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 750.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100988 | Oregon City Farmer's Market | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 2,500.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100989 | Oregon City Garbage, Inc | Acct: 5776800 05/2022 | \$ 97.76 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100990 | Pacific Office Automation | Acct: 900-0266949-000 [100-0417] 03/2022 | \$ 216.43 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100991 | PGE | Acct: 9606754531 04/2022 | \$ 899.94 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100992 | Redland Grange #796 | CSWCD: Support Grant 2022 | \$ 750.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100993 | SADA Systems, Inc | CSWCD: 4-Lic 04/2022 | \$ 96.00 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100994 | T-MOBILE | Acct: 961602090 04/2022 | \$ 789.01 |
| 5/6/2022 | 100995 | US Bank Voyager Fleet Systems | Acct: 86928-4679 04/24/22 | \$ 219.57 |
| Subtotal: | | | | \$ 38,509.02 |

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| 5/16/2022 | 100996 | Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC | WW-2022-01 [Training] 04/2022 | \$ 600.00 | CF |
| 5/16/2022 | 100997 | Anna Beebe | Reimbursement: Supplies 01/2022::REISSUE | \$ 174.48 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 100998 | Clackamas ESD | CSWCD: Telecom [3rd Qtr] 03/2022 | \$ 895.05 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 100999 | Scott Eden | Reimbursement: Mileage 04/2022 | \$ 26.91 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101000 | Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Inc | CWMA-CG: Small Grant 05/2022 | \$ 5,000.00 | CF |
| 5/16/2022 | 101001 | Green Banks, LLC | WW-2022-04 [HEP/OSWB] 04/2022 | \$ 3,380.29 | CF |
| 5/16/2022 | 101002 | Integrated Resource Management | WW-2022-05 [Training] 04/2022 | \$ 729.24 | CF |
| 5/16/2022 | 101003 | Lindsey Karr | Reimbursement: Mileage 04/2022 | \$ 23.99 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101004 | Catherine McQueeney | Reimbursement: Mileage/Supplies 04/2022 | \$ 56.90 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101005 | OSU Extension | CSWCD: Scholarship [Growing Farms] 05/2022 | \$ 100.00 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101006 | Pamplin Media Group | Acct: 13009184 [Herald/Sandy Post] 05/2022 | \$ 74.00 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101007 | Sound Native Plants Inc | WW-2022-11 [CRISP-LK-2022-01] 04/2022; Training | \$ 5,460.50 | CF |
| 5/16/2022 | 101008 | Spire Technologies, Inc | Acct: 02208 06/2022 | \$ 2,921.50 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101009 | The Oregonian Media Group | Acct: 1039096002 LB-1 05/2022 | \$ 2,191.98 | |
| 5/16/2022 | 101010 | Wild Habitat Contracting, LLC | WW-2022-12 04/2022 | \$ 7,569.88 | CF |
| Subtotal: | | | | \$ 29,204.72 | |
| Total: | | | | \$ 67,713.74 | |
| Total Conservation Fund | | | | \$ 17,739.91 | CF |

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