

**WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**October 24, 2017**

1:30 p.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room  
434 NE Evans St

PRESENT: Commissioners Stan Primozich, Mary Starrett and Richard L. "Rick" Olson.

STAFF: Laura Tschabold, John Phelan and Mikalie Frei.

Guests: Susan Markham-Aldrich and Michal Wert, Roadside Vegetation Committee members and others as listed on the sign in sheet.

TOPIC: Roadside Vegetation Committee Annual Report

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Commissioner Primozich called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Phelan introduced Susan Markham-Aldrich and Michal Wert, members of the Roadside Vegetation Committee and thanked them for their countless hours of volunteering. He stated that the progress that is being made to identify and inventory roadside vegetation in Yamhill County is due to the hard work and dedication of the Roadside Vegetation Committee.

Ms. Markham-Aldrich gave a brief overview of the Roadside Vegetation Inventory and specific roads that were studied this past summer (see Exhibit A). Students from George Fox University assisted with the inventory project and GIS mapping of certain roads for native and invasive plants including Rock Creek, Kramien, Earlwood, Hacker, Breyman Orchards, Webfoot, Thompson Mill, Peavine and Masonville Rd. Criteria for mapping invasive plants is critical early on and early detection and rapid response is the key. The GIS interns also were able to map areas where erosion is occurring. The roads identified with significant erosion were Kuykendall, Clay Pit, North Valley, Ribbon Ridge, Mineral Springs, Hendricks and Bayliss Rd. Criteria for mapping erosion is critical to the success of vegetation control. Using GIS to calculate lane miles of road and erosion provides an analysis of areas with extreme conditions and the data collected can be used to make informed management decisions. Ms. Markham-Aldrich also stated that communicating findings to the public and engaging the help of farmers and the Soil and Water Conservation District are critical in moving forward and generating public support in this effort.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Keri Hinton

Secretary