

MINUTES
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 9, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Bingham, Karen Bodner, Paul Clements, Molly Hoffer, Mike Koivula
MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Graves, Jack Harris, Mike Kesling, Chris Melotti
STAFF PRESENT: Mike Perkins, Sonny Chickering, Doug Putschler, Bill Manewal, Arno Nelson,
Howard Schussler, Caroline Manewal
BCC PRESENT: Anna Morrison

Chair Mike Koivula called the meeting to order and asked everyone present to introduce themselves for the benefit of PW's new Assistant Director, Howard Schussler.

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 14, 2003 and June 11, 2003

May 14, 2003 Minutes - Bodner asked & received clarification regarding the use of question marks under item III. She also noted the following corrections:

- Page 2, Operations update, 2nd sentence – need to change “project” to “projects”
- Page 2, Operations update, last sentence – need to clarify which Manewal was speaking

MOTION: Hoffer moved to approve the May 14, 2003 Minutes as corrected. Bodner seconded. All present voted in favor, motion carried.

June 11, 2003 Minutes - Clements noted one correction, stating he was absent for that meeting.

MOTION: Clements moved to approve the June 11, 2003 with the appropriate corrections to the attendance record. Bingham seconded. All present voted in favor, motion carried.

- III. IVM RECORDS REVIEW

Perkins explained that staff had followed up on VMAC's request to have an ODA inspection of the IVM records and also an ODA presentation at this meeting. Perkins noted the inspection had been completed, however, due to this being the ODA's busy season, they were unable to send someone to the meeting. Staff distributed informational IVM Records packets. Perkins reviewed the ODA Inspection report completed by Ed Barrons and passed around business cards, noting that Barrons was willing to have members contact him with any questions they might have.

Manewal (Caroline) explained that staff didn't expect members to read through/understand the records packet tonight, however, she would like to explain the contents to help facilitate their at-home review, then they can bring questions back to the next meeting. Manewal reviewed the informational packet, briefly explained each of the following sample records, and answered questions:

- Roadside Inventory List (IVM Program's data base of roadside features)
- Public Notification Installation Record (Established by IVM Policy, Section 4.6)
- Herbicide Application Record (State required; responsibility of each state-licensed applicator)
- Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS) Report Form (State required; confidential record)
- Master Index of Posting/Application Records (Created by IVM staff to facilitate answering questions from citizens regarding herbicide applications)
- Request for Public Record Log (Lane Manual 2.165 (4))
- Public Records Requests, right/process (Request guidelines for advisory committee members & Lane Manual pages referring to public records requests, etc.)

Due to negative public comments at past Board meetings regarding IVM record keeping, VMAC discussed if/how to get this record information to Board members prior to the Public Hearing on July 16. Lengthy discussion [end of T1S1] brought consensus that VMAC felt the IVM records packet information would be useful to the Board.

MOTION: Bodner moved that VMAC ask staff to submit the "Lane County IVM Program Informational Packet – IVM Records" and the July 7, 2003 ODA inspection report as supplemental information to the Board of Commissioners prior to their July 16 meeting/public hearing. Hoffer seconded. All present voted in favor, motion carried.

Staff will prepare and submit the records information as supplemental material to the previously submitted "IVM – Last Resort Policy" Board agenda packet.

IV. LAST RESORT DISCUSSION

Perkins noted Kesling and Graves had each submitted written comments regarding the last resort issue. Perkins read the comments into the record. Chickering explained the July 16 Board packet contents. Chickering noted the Board's timeline is currently set for a First Reading/Public Hearing on July 16 and, if there are no substantive changes, then a Second Reading/Adoption would be set for July 30; there would also be a possibility it could be extended to a Third Reading/Adoption in August. Chickering explained staff's perspective and noted staff was hoping for an endorsement from VMAC on the PW version, or if VMAC felt there should be modifications to the PW version, he could report that to the Board under a cover letter. Chickering asked VMAC for input on the PW version. Lengthy discussion covered various subjects, including the implications and impacts on the Program/staff time involved in the different versions. [T2S1] Bodner noted the PW version is the only one that includes VMAC in any of the process, yet VMAC is the vegetation management advisory committee ordained by the Board.

Koivula called members' attention to the time and suggested they decide whether or not to meet in August. Discussion.

MOTION: Koivula moved that VMAC meet in August as scheduled. Bingham seconded. Continued discussion of the ordinances and their impacts. Schussler clarified that public comment is the time for Committee members to put forward any ideas they feel are important, because staff is limited to answering the questions they are asked; that for staff to advocate for any position could be seen as being political and that is a violation of law. Manewal (Caroline) explained that for a public hearing, citizens could only present public comment just prior to the public hearing, which in this case is 1:30 p.m. rather than the standard 9:00 a.m. general, public comment time. Discussion of possible dates for the August VMAC meeting. Koivula noted he'd like to see an August meeting just to catch up on the 2003 Work Plan, which has been set aside due to the last resort discussions.

All present voted in favor of the above motion, motion carried. VMAC will meet on August 13, 2003.

MOTION: Bodner moved that VMAC support the PW version of a last resort ordinance. Lengthy discussion. Bodner withdrew her motion. Consensus was that individual members could, if they desired, either present written information to the Board or give public comment on July 16.

Chickering stated he would draft a cover letter to go with the IVM Record packet to the Board; he will also state in the cover that VMAC had reviewed all four last resort ordinances and they had chosen not to make a recommendation for any of the versions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recording Secretary