**VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE**

**LANE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS**

**May 19th, 2015 Minutes**

Members: Lisa Arkin, George Grier, Julie Knurowski, William Lackey, Glenn Miller, Joel Miller, Ellen Mooney, James Mough, Bitty Roy

Absent: Julie Knurowski, William Lackey

Guest:

Staff: Orin Schumacher, Steve Smith

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6:02 p.m. – Chairperson Mooney called the meeting to order

1. **OPENING REMARKS**
	1. Chairperson Mooney discussed the following:
		1. Recapped the five main issues for the Task Force
			1. Noxious weed control
			2. Road maintenance and safety
			3. Regulations and standards
			4. Financial concerns
			5. Health concerns
		2. Determine the Task Force’s decision-making process for final recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
			1. Majority Rule or Consensus were the options discussed
			2. Consensus was chosen as the preferred method
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
	1. No members of the public were in attendance
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
	1. Motion: Ellen Mooney made a motion to approve the minutes, James Mough seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
	* 1. There were no adjustments to the agenda.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS / PRESENTATIONS**
	1. Review the “Roadside Vegetation Management and Last Resort Herbicide Use Policy (Lane Code 15.500 – .530)”
		1. Discussed updating the policy title, as “Last Resort” considered not to be an accurate description
			1. Policy title change discussion postponed until after content reviewed
		2. The policy was projector displayed for a line by line review by the members, with on-the-fly text revisions made on screen by Schumacher
			* 1. 15.500 Purpose

The text in Sections (1) and (2) was revised

Section (3) to be moved to the Environmental portion of the policy

* + - * 1. 15.505 Definitions

Text revised

* + - * 1. 15.510 Roadside Vegetation Plan

Opening paragraph text revised

Section (1) Prevention Techniques text revised

Text revised in subsections (a), (b) and (c)

* + - 1. Schumacher to complete DRAFT text changes and send to members via email for their review and subsequent discussion and/or approval
	1. Field Trip
		1. Discussed field trip for the members to view vegetation areas of concern, eradication efforts/successes, and equipment used in road maintenance
			1. Sites to be determined and transportation arranged by Schumacher
			2. Field trip date to be prior to next meeting (June 16) if feasible

1. **NEXT MEETING AGENDA**
	1. Review DRAFT changes made to the “Roadside Vegetation Management and Last Resort Herbicide Use Policy (Lane Code 15.500 – .510)”
	2. Continue review and update to the “Roadside Vegetation Management and Last Resort Herbicide Use Policy (Lane Code 15.500 – 15.530)”
	3. Discuss field trip if occurred
2. **ADJOURNMENT**
	1. Chair Mooney adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Orin Schumacher, Minutes Recorder