

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday July 20, 2015

7:00 PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Paul Hermann, Bill Middleton and Terry Utecht. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator; Todd Harris, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

Minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Terry Utecht with a second by Paul Hermann. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the June Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2014-2015 and budget update.

Meetings & Events attended – Public Hearing/Assessment Increase – June 15, Master Gardener Summer Solstice – June 20 – Betsy, Municipal Meeting Training - June 23 – all; Betsy reported the event was well attended; topics and speakers well received - 3 recertification credits were offered, Conservation District Open House June 26 – Todd & Betsy

NEW BUSINESS

County Rd – Summer contact work was completed between May 29 and June 26th for a total of 700 spray miles. Public Works has been invoiced in two payments in the amount of \$23,482.91 for application and chemical reimbursable. Status of one payment is uncertain. Public Works administration is checking on it. Spray Truck 4 went to County Shop for service. No major issues were found.

WA State Parks – Todd has completed a portion of the approved noxious weed work on the trail. State Parks has been invoiced for application and survey time in the amount of \$2,330.00. Todd reported the work is holding well. The remainder of approved work will resume in the fall.

BLM – Ray Pease has contacted FCWB to do another survey of their lands in Franklin County. This will be similar to the survey project that was done in 2014 in the Juniper Dunes area with \$2,500.00 available. Todd will be the lead on the project, assisted by Kari Trogon.

Benton County Weed Board – BCWB has separated from Benton County and is currently advertising for a Coordinator. Army Corp of Engineers had received funding for an aquatic herbicide application on the Yakima Delta for phragmites. FCWB assisted with the application.

New Employee – Kari Trogdon joined our staff as a seasonal inspector on July 13th. Welcome Kari! This position will run until the end of September at which time a full-time benefitted position will be discussed.

Joe Turner – Joe has filed for unemployment compensation. The required forms have been filed with the Unemployment Office. We are waiting for the decision.

Assessment – Betsy and Vic reported we have been placed on the agenda for the September 2, 2015 Commissioner's Meeting. We have requested a 30 minute timeslot. Betsy and Vic reviewed the strategy for seeking an increase. Discussion followed with Board Members offering suggestions to help our cause. All the appropriate information will be forwarded to the commissioners prior to the meeting, FCWB Board Members are invited to attend.

9554 – Public Works replaced the air conditioning compressor in Todd's truck. Cost of the repair was approximately \$1,000.00.

DOT – Ray Willard contacted us to prioritize work for 2016. He will work off a survey and recommendation conducted by FCWB in 2014 giving the highest focus to our recommendation. Ray stated he is finding it very hard to manage the entire state and apologized for not having a June meeting. DOT crews will maintain the level of effort we have seen over the past couple years on noxious weed work. There are plans for fall 2015 applications.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Ben-Franklin Fair & Rodeo August 25th thru August 29th. Voucher numbers 15-071 to 15-079 signed in the amount of \$4,689.31.

Next regular monthly meeting Monday August 17, 2015 7 PM

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 8:48 p.m.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Board of Directors' Proceedings for July 20, 2015

Maw D. Grasse
Chairman

Aug. 17, 2015
Date

Betsy Cypsel
Clerk of the Board

Aug 17, 2015
Date