

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday August 15, 2016 7:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:04 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Guest included Burl Booker, farmer and auctioneer. Burl expressed dissatisfaction with State roads. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Inspector; Holly Kress, Inspector and Luis Esquivel, Inspector. Minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the July Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2015-2016 and Budget update
Meetings & Events attended – none in July

NEW BUSINESS

New employees – Holly and Luis have joined FCWB as Field Inspectors. Todd reported each had passed Laws & Safety, Ag Weed, and Right of Way Weed. Luis has also passed turf and ornamental. Both shared background information and prior training. Holly and Luis have spent time in the field with staff training and learning the spray equipment. The retention schedule for CDL training has been put into place; Holly and Luis began CDL training on Aug 15th.

Employee exit- Steven Moreno's last day was June 30th; Steven has accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture. Steven's final month was spent finishing up the Ravenna grass project and contact roadside spraying.

WSDA – The final report and invoicing for the Ravenna Grass Project was sent to Alison Halpern, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board. We have received payment in the amount of \$2,489.95 for the work performed.

BPA– Todd reported payment in the amount of \$11,000.86 has been received for noxious weed work on BPA lines. A brief review of the 5 year contract followed. FCWB staff plan to resume surveying on the remaining lines in the fall.

WA State Parks – Per the agreement additional hours surveying and treating noxious weeds has been performed in Sacajawea Park, Lyons Ferry area and on the Columbia Plateau Trail. State Parks has been invoiced in the amount of \$4,240.00. We have received notification from Andrew Fielding, contract administrator that payment has been approved for processing. We expect to see payment soon.

M.D.G.

County Road- The first contact application has been completed for a total of 1,857 spray miles. Public Works was invoiced and payment received in the amount of \$50,560.06 for application and chemical reimbursal. Additional chemical was ordered for a second round of contact work to clean up approximately 200 shoulder miles. The second contact applications will be made on roads following a mowing with an herbicide chemistry not previously used. The lower portion of the county is nearly finished. We will be moving into the northern portion soon.

FCWB – Todd reported the Honda Passport has been repaired by Nolan's Auto Body. The damages were paid for by the party that hit the vehicle. FCWB staff have been surveying for noxious weeds. Kochia has been the focus in recent weeks. Todd gave an update on FCEM departure from the building. As of yet there is not an official exit date. The Planning Department has met with the Commissioner's to propose to move into the space. The Commissioners have approved of the Planning Department take over the space. We have serviced the air conditioning systems on the spray trucks and oil changes to the pickups.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – BF Fair and Rodeo Aug 23-27

Vouchers 16-089 through 16-106 signed in the amount of \$14, 419.54.
July payroll...\$24,989.78

Next meeting September 19, 2016 7 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:32 p.m.

These are the Board of Director's proceedings for August 15, 2016

Maw D. Grassl
Chairman

Sept. 19, 2016
Date

Tom B. Ha
Clerk of the Board

September 19, 2016
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