

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday August 17, 2015

7:00 PM

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach and Terry Utecht. Guests included Tim Waters, WSU and Leonard Van Buren. Staff included Todd Harris, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the July 20, 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Dave Beach with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

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

Meetings & Events attended – WCIF- July 29, Betsy reported on the Cadillac Tax.

NEW BUSINESS

County Rd –Betsy reported payments for summer contact work have been received totaling \$23,482.91.

WA State Parks – Payment in the amount of \$2,330.00 for noxious weed work on State Park trail has been received. Todd reported remaining trail work should resume in the fall.

BLM – Todd has completed noxious weed survey project in Juniper Dunes area covering 1,378 acres, double last year's acreage. Todd surveyed on 200 ft. grid lines for better representation of weed distribution. Todd shared pictures of the survey. There was discussion on recommendation for weed control. Todd reported he has recommended the addition of aminopyrilid to BLM's approved list of herbicides. BLM was invoiced in the amount of \$2,500.00. Payment has been received.

Benton County Weed Board – Interviews for a Coordinator have concluded. The Board of Directors will decide on an offer to a chosen candidate at the August 18th Board Meeting.

Kari Trogdon – Resigned as of July 23.

Joe Turner – FCWB has been contacted by Employment Security Commission regarding eligibility to receive benefits. Status of his claim is unknown at this time.

New employee —Vic, Todd, and Betsy interviewed Steven Moreno, graduate of University of Idaho with a major in rangeland ecology. He has been offered the field inspector position and has accepted. He plans on testing for the Public Operator license prior to his start date of 9-3.

Assessment – Betsy presented information that is under development for the meeting with the Commissioners on Sept. 2. Information was reviewed followed by discussion regarding the presentation of proposed options, justification for an assessment increase, and comments from supporters and opposition. Board Members and guests provided recommendations in the presentation of the information. Recommendations were noted for consideration and possible adjustment.

DOT – We have been informed by Kara Shute; Pasco Coordinator, that there is a no mowing mandate due to fire risk. Kara has expressed a willingness to meet and work up a plan for 2016.

Bike Path – Betsy met with Merry Loew, Tackweed Coalition and Linda McGlothorn of Fun, Fit and Over Fifty Organization. They spent a Saturday morning pulling tackweed. Betsy met with Dan Dotta; City of Pasco Facilities Manager, to discuss a meeting between Army Corp of Engineers, City of Pasco and FC Weed Board to discuss a plan for 2016. Dan and the Army Corp of Engineer have agreed to meet, date of meeting to be determined.

WA State Auditor – We have been informed an hourly billing rate change from \$88.50 to \$93.00 will become effective January 1, 2016 for cost of living increase, enhanced audit support and staff training.

Vic – Complications set Vic back in recovery from his knee surgery. He has been working from home.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Ben-Franklin Fair & Rodeo August 25th thru August 29th, Commissioner's Meeting Sept. 2

Sign Vouchers...Vouchers numbers 15-080 through 15-087 signed in the amount of \$2,036.82.

Payroll Expense July...\$16,536.15

Next regular monthly meeting Monday September 21, 2015 7 PM

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 9:05 p.m.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Board of Directors' proceedings for August 17, 2015

Mario D. Grasse
Chairman

Sept. 21, 2015
Date

Betsy Cypsel
Clerk of the Board

9-21-15
Date