

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday October 17, 2016 1:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Bill Middleton, Paul Herrman, and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysèl, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Inspector; and Holly Kress, Inspector. New staff members introduced themselves to Board Members. Minutes from the September 19, 2016 Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the September Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2015-2016 and Budget update  
**Meetings & Events** attended – FC Road Dept., Sept. 22; D.O.T., Sept. 29

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **The 2017 Budget Hearing – // Approval of Resolution 171017**

Marv Grassl opened the public hearing for the 2017 budget at 1:22 pm. Todd presented the two proposed budget options for the second time fulfilling the requirements of two public meetings. Discussion on impacts future salaries might have on the program followed. There was a motion by Bill to approve the budget coinciding with Franklin County's salary matrix with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed. Public Hearing was closed at 2:28 by Marv Grassl.

**WA State Parks** – Todd reported the payment for noxious weed work performed in Sacajawea Park, Lyons Ferry and on the Columbia Plateau Trail had been delayed because the work performed exceeded the funded amount in original contract. State Parks is amending the contract to increase funding. The invoices have been re-submitted for a total payment amount of \$4,240.00. Once the amendment is executed the remaining payment will be processed. We expect to see payment in the near future.

**County Road** – Todd gave an update on the meeting with FC Public Works department. A plan and herbicide mix has been determined for the dryland, residual application. Chemicals were ordered and have been received. The fall residual work is tentatively set to begin November 7th. Upon completion of the dryland application remaining funds in the 2016 roadside budget will be expensed for 2017 spring residual work. We completed 239 spray miles on the final, summer contact application. Payment in the amount of \$9,961.72 has been received for application and chemical reimbursement. Holly and Luis continue to practice driving and mock spraying.

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**BLM** – Todd reported FCWB provided a prioritized list of sections in need of noxious weed management to BLM. Staff surveyed high profile areas in Juniper Dunes to prepare the recommendation. The information was combined with data from previous years surveying performed under the assistance agreement. FCWB submitted a recommendation along with maps showing weed locations and infestation density. Luis contributed his mapping skills to the project. Todd shared one of the maps Luis created. BLM will execute a Weed Environmental Assessment to determine areas of future treatments. BLM advises the assistance agreement currently in place will continue as funding allows.

**D.O.T.** – Todd and Betsy reported on the meeting with Pasco supervisors. Constraints for herbicide applications were discussed. Todd reported the DOT has 200 acres of funding available for a fall treatment. The plan is to concentrate on Rush skeletonweed between Eltopia and Mesa. It was stated that the public has expressed dissatisfaction with the condition and appearance of state roads.

**CO TENANT** – Todd gave an update on the status of our new co-tenant. The contract has been signed between the Port of Pasco and FC Planning Department. The new reception area is under construction. The Planning Department has set the end of October as the tentative move in date. Betsy explained the Port of Pasco has drafted a document which permits FCWB to sublet from Planning.

**FCWB**- Todd reported FCWB has gained office space with the new arrangement. The office has been painted and Information Services is working to install internet. Todd discussed plans to upgrade office as a winter project. Todd provided a quote for a new John Deere Gator for review. Discussion followed. Todd gave an update on staff's focus of fall applications to Dalmatian toadflax and other noxious weeds.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Commissioner's Meeting–Budget Presentation, Oct 26; ACOE & City of Pasco - Bike Path, Oct 27; WA State Weed Conference, Wenatchee Nov 2-4

Sign vouchers #16-117 to 16-126 in the amount of \$6,835.81

September payroll \$ 24,901.00

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:28 pm.

**Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board**  
Board of Directors' proceedings for October 17, 2016

*Mario D. Grassl*

Chairman

*Nov. 14, 2016*

Date

*Scott S. Haas*

Clerk of the Board

*November 14, 2016*

Date