FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Thursday April 14, 2022 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Vice Chair, Terry Utecht; Martin Pierret and Paul Herrman. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Luis Esquivel, Lead Inspector; Sabrina Gilley, Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2021-2022 and Budget update Upcoming Meetings & Events – Farm Fair 3/31-4/1

NEW BUSINESS

New Employee – Todd introduced Sabrina Gilley; Sabrina joins the Weed Board staff as a Field Inspector. Sabrina shared her background with the Board and staff. Welcome Sabrina!

FC Roadside —Todd reported the spring residual application had been completed. Craig Erdman; County Engineer has confirmed it is okay to invoice Public Works. The billing is approximately \$120,000.00. Discussion on the look of the roads followed. The roads that have been sprayed look good and we are optimistic they will remain clean with the moisture we have received. Todd expressed concern for roads that were not sprayed. Discussion continued on how unsprayed roads will be maintained.

WA State Parks – we have begun contract work on the Columbia Plateau Trail. Todd explained there had been a residual treatment on both the developed and undeveloped sections of the trail. The residual treatment is showing good results. Discussion on the herbicides in the mix followed. Todd mentioned we will also visit the State Parks to determine what needs to be done. We plan to continue kochia work in Sacajawea Park.

Cost Share – Todd reported 1606 acres had been sprayed this spring on the cost share. It was mentioned that 5000 acres had been signed up and the rest would be sprayed in the fall.

M.D.G.

Other activities –

All vehicles have been serviced and are ready for field work.

Todd and Betsy provided an update on the tree-of-heaven project. This is a survey project to map tree-of-heaven locations where there could potentially be entry points for the lanternfly. The total funding is \$11,500, of which \$4,500 needs to be consumed by the end of this fiscal year (June 30). The other \$7000 must be used by December 31, 2022. Discussion on the lanternfly followed.

Voucher number's 22-042 through 22-060 signed in the amount of \$20,723.09

Payroll March...\$36,182.90

Upcoming meetings and events -None before next Board meeting

Next Board Meeting Thursday 5/12/2022 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:50 p.m.

These are the Board of Director Proceedings' for April 14, 2022

Maw D. Grassl
Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

May 12, 2022