

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday August 16, 2021 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, Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator. Todd attended in person. Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; and Luis Esquivel, Inspector attended by telephone. Minutes from the July 16, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Dan Voss and a second by Marv Grassl. Motion passed.
Monthly Financial – Review of the July Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2020-2021 and Budget update
Upcoming Meetings & Events – None

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Cost Share – Todd reported he and Betsy had toured some cost share areas from spring applications with Trent Brusseau; Pasture and Land Management Specialist, Corteva Agriscience and Jerry Ellis, Wilbur Ellis. Trent's assessment of the poor results was that conditions had been too dry. Trent is interested in doing test plots in the dryland with a milestone treatment followed by drilling in grass seed with a no till drill. State Parks has equipment they could loan out. Discussion on milestone and plant back followed. Todd will reach out to landowners to discuss the possibility of test plots on their ground.

State Parks – We are waiting on payment in the amount of \$23,937.98 for work completed through June 30, 2021. Travis Gabriel, Park Ranger 1 is checking up on the payment. We have been back to Sacajawea Park to spray kochia.

BPA- Todd reported payment in the amount of \$11,999.99 had been received. We met with Cozette Fink, Natural Resource Specialist to discuss Benton Scootene rebuild project. The project would include herbicide treatments prior to construction and following completion of the rebuild. Todd has submitted a proposal. Cozette is currently working on the contract. Upon finalization of the contract, treatment would begin this fall.

Grant Work – Todd provided an update on completion of Tree-of-heaven grant work. The remaining funds were used to treat trees at the Port of Pasco near Osprey Point. Todd mentioned the Port is working on diffuse knapweed and rush skeletonweed at Osprey Point with mowers.

Other Activities – One of the new WeedBoard signs has been installed at Lyons Ferry. Todd shared a picture of the sign with the Board of Directors. Todd mentioned we still have to get permission from landowners for installation of the other signs. Todd, Marcus and Luis continue to spray kochia on the roadsides.

Noxious Weed Problems Areas – There was a lot of discussion on problematic areas. Todd reported we had received phone calls and complaints about rush skeletonweed from residents of Connell and Pasco. Betsy mentioned she has sent letters to a few Pasco residents encouraging them to collaborate on rush skeletonweed control. Kochia, cereal rye and puncturevine were

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also discussed. An exchange of ideas on how to bring awareness followed. There was also discussion on specific roads that look good and those that do not.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – WA State Weed Conference 11/3-11/5, we are registered to attend in person

Voucher #'s 21-102 through 21-115 signed in the amount of \$8,476.18

July payroll in the amount of \$22,178.

Marcus away Aug 23- (to be determined) for knee surgery.

Betsy away Aug 12-Aug 20

Next Board Meeting Monday 9/20/2021 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:00 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for August 16, 2021

Mark D. Grassl
Chairman

9-20-2021
Date

Todd B. Ha
Clerk of the Board

9-20-2021
Date

