

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday December 21, 2020 1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

### OLD BUSINESS

The virtual meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present telephonically were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman and Dan Voss. A quorum was established. Staff members present telephonically included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Marc Miller, Lead Inspector. Minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.  
**Monthly Financial** – Review of the December Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2019-2020 and Budget update  
**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None

### NEW BUSINESS

**Cost Share** – Todd provided an update on cost share acres sprayed in 2020. A total of 3068 acres were sprayed leaving an unused balance of \$3106.50. There was a motion to carry over \$3106.50 to the 2021 cost share program by Terry Utecht with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed. Discussion on acres currently signed up for 2021 followed.

**FC Roadside** – Todd reported it didn't look likely that the remaining shoulder miles will get sprayed as we have not had any word from Public Works that roads have been made ready. Our expectation is that we will not be able to use up the remaining balance in the roadside budget.

**WA State Parks** – Todd explained that bad weather and shortage of time had postponed the meeting with Andrew Fielding, Environmental Planner. The purpose of the meeting is to give him a first-hand look at the Columbia Plateau Trail and the State Parks. We hope to catch up with him in early 2021 and reschedule the tour. We believe a tour would give him a better perspective on what it takes for our staff and his crew to get done what needs to be done. Discussion on the burnt trestles and bridges followed.

**BPA** – We have received a 3 year contract in the amount of \$36,000.00. Todd explained this is an increase to \$12,000.00 annually.

**Weeds of Focus** – Todd provided an update on saltcedar, rush skeletonweed, diffuse knapweed and yellow starthistle work, explaining that we have assisted in helping some landowners get control of noxious weeds when they don't have equipment or pesticide licenses.

**Winter projects** – Todd reported on winter projects noting that we had upgraded the office and painted everyone's offices as well as the common area. Todd reported another winter project will be setting up a skid for a future UTV.

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**Capital Assets – Todd presented 4 quotes for a new UTV & 3 quotes for a new trailer. A comparison of features such as power steering, fuel efficiency and parts availability followed as different machines were discussed. There was a motion from Paul Herrman directing Todd to continue pursuing and purchase a UTV and trailer at the best possible price with a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events – \*Weed list Hearing January 19, 2021**

**Voucher #'s 20-148 through 20-163 signed in the amount of \$20,096.40**

**November payroll in the amount of \$22,443.00**

**Next Board Meeting Tuesday 1/19/2021 @ 1:00 pm \*note Monday 18th, holiday**

**Marcus Vacation 12/21-12/31**

**There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:55 p.m.**

There are the Board of Director proceedings' for December 21, 2020

Maw D. Grassl  
Chairman

1-20-21  
Date

Todd S. [Signature]  
Clerk of the Board

1-20-2021  
Date

