

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Thursday December 8, 2022

11:30 AM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

Staff gave presentations to the Directors at 11:30 am. Guests attending the presentations were Marc and Joyce Miller, retired; Vic Reeve, Walla Walla Noxious Weed Coordinator; Marie Harris, retired; Pam Loa, FC Horticulture Pest and Disease Board Coordinator and Conner, FC Horticulture and Disease Board Inspector

Lunch Break 12:15- 1:15

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:15 p.m. Board Members present were Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Guest Vic Reeve, Walla Walla Noxious Weed Control Board Coordinator attended the meeting. Minutes from the November 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2021-2022 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – SCBID meeting 12/7 Big Bend Community College

NEW BUSINESS

WSDA – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$7000.00 has been received for the for tree-of-heaven project. The project was for surveying only to gather data. The project did not include herbicide.

State Weed Board – The State Weed Board has been billed in the amount of \$3000 for the Dalmatian toadflax project. The project was an eradication program meant for Class A and B-designate noxious weeds. Todd mentioned the amount of Dalmatian toadflax in present in the county is approximately one or two acres, it just happens to be scattered around the county.

FC Roadside – Todd provided an update on the county roadside spray program. In a recent conversation with Scott Garberg, Public Works road boss, Scott mentioned he wants to spray the gravel roads in the dryland area. This is a change in the planning for roadside work requiring shifting funds to the dryland roads. To accomplish the shift some of the Esplanade will be replaced with High Noon, a liquid formulation of Terra View. Replacing High Noon for some of the Esplanade will provide a cost savings of \$2000.00 to the county. Todd also emphasized the cost of Esplanade will increase by \$101.00/gallon. Nutrien will honor the current pricing if Esplanade is ordered soon. Ordering the Esplanade now saves the county \$3000.00. Todd expressed his willingness to spray the entrance into the City of Connell but asked that Marv talk to the powers that be to arrange it.

BLM – Todd mentioned the work in Juniper Dunes under the amended contract has not been completed due to weather conditions. It was also discussed that although there is a verbal agreement for additional acres and an aerial application we have not seen the contract come through yet. The aerial application is an area where a drone may be suited for spraying. Todd mentioned Altitude Agriservices will be licensed for spraying after the first of the year.

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Cost Share Program – Todd reported there are likely to be acres under the 2022 program that will not get sprayed because of current conditions. Todd suggested the landowners be given the opportunity to spray those areas under the 2023 program. The sign truck is being moved around the county advertising the open enrollment period.

Funding Opportunity – Todd reported on two funding opportunities available through WSDA & Private Forestry Grant. FCW has submitted proposals for Scotch thistle and Ravenna grass. The Scotch thistle proposal consists of the use of a drone for surveying and spraying the Connell area. A smaller grant submitted for Ravenna grass would involve the removal of Ravenna grass in the city of Pasco.

Noxious Weed Activities – Todd provided an update on the Grower Meeting for pesticide credits to be held on January 25th. The location and speakers are arranged. Betsy is still waiting to get the final summary from one of the speakers in order to send off to WSDA for credit evaluation. Lunch will also be provided but there are still details to work out.

Board Member Terms – There was discussion on the Board Member terms which are expiring March 1, 2023. Dan Voss expressed his willingness to continue serving on the Board. Discussion on who resides in Section 5 followed that might be interested in serving and the process to appoint a new Chairman followed.

Voucher numbers 22-144 through 22-158 signed in the amount of \$16,708.46

November payroll in the amount of \$23,659.00

Upcoming meetings and events – Columbia County Grower meeting 1-13-23

Next Board Meeting Thursday 1/12/2023 @ 1:00 pm

These are the Board of Director proceedings for December 8, 2022

Mary D. Grassle

Chairman

1-12-2023

Date

Scott B. Ham

Clerk of the Board

1-12-2023

Date



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