

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday December 11, 2023

11:30 AM

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LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

Staff gave a year end presentation to the Directors at 11:30 am. Guests attending the presentation were Claude Pierret, Farmer; Marv Grassl, Farmer and Marie Harris, Nurse Practitioner

Lunch Break 12:15-1:10

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairman Martin Pierret. Board Members present were Vice Chair, Dan Voss, Paul Herrman and Jake DeRuwe. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the November 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Jake DeRuwe. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2022-2023 and Budget update

Meetings & Events – None since last Board Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Office – Todd reported the county had purchased the Davidson building with the idea to move WSU Extension, FC Weed Board and FC Pest Board into the space. Todd explained the county was trying to cut expenses. Todd had looked at the building with Pam Loa, FC Pest Board Coordinator. No timeline has been given for any potential move into a new building.

FC Roadside – The residual application on the dryland roads has been completed with the exception of a few roads the county is working on. We expect to spray those roads in the spring when roadside work resumes. Todd mentioned the chemical to spray the irrigated side of the county still needs to be ordered. The estimate for the irrigated mix is approximately \$83,000.00. Discussion on the possibility of prices going up followed. Todd will order the chemical soon.

BPA – Todd reported BPA had been invoiced in the amount of \$5,437.15. The billing is for a pre-construction application on the Benton Scooteny line. Cozette DeTray, liaison informs us payment is currently processing so we expect to see payment soon.

WSDA/State Weed Board – We received payment in the amount of \$8,012.18 for tree-of-heaven work. Todd mentioned a portion of the payment was for a drone application. We are still waiting on a payment for our Dalmatian toadflax project and payment for the first half of the Ravenna grass project.

Cost Share Program – Sign-up for the 2024 cost share program is underway with several landowners proposing acres early on. Approximately 3350 acres have already been signed up. Discussion on problem areas and the deadline to sign up followed. Todd explained we would accept applications until 5000 acres have been proposed or until February 1, 2024, whichever comes first. Letters will go out soon inviting a few landowners to participate in the program. Todd mentioned there were still 2 or 3 landowners working on their acres under the 2023 cost share program.

Rigs and JD Gators – Staff have spent time at the shop upgrading rigs and equipment. The goal is to get the spray equipment on the vehicles consistent.

Vic Reeve - Retired Coordinator for Walla Walla Noxious Weed Control Board – Todd reported Vic Reeve is getting an award for agriculture stewardship on January 18, 2024.

Vouchers #'s 23-125 through 23-143 signed in the amount of \$25,178.58

November payroll in the amount of \$25,568.00

Upcoming Meetings and Events – Helena Meeting Dec 14, Kennewick Red Lion

Next Board Meeting January 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. (2024 Weed List Hearing)

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin Pierret at 1:45 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for December 11, 2023

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Chairman

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Scott S. G.

Clerk of the Board

1-8-2024

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