

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday February 18, 2020 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:00 pm. Board members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Martin Pierret and Dan Voss. Guest James Ferguson was in attendance. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Inspector and Wes Smalling, Inspector. Minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the January Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2019-2020 and Budget update  
**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None since last Board Meeting

### NEW BUSINESS

**Roadside Spray Program** – Todd reported the signed 2020 Task Assignment had been received and chemical has been ordered. The chemical should be delivered within a couple weeks. We will be ready to spray roads as soon as we receive the go ahead from the Public Works road crew. Discussion on using the previous year's mix which includes Esplanade at the full rate and cost of the mix followed. Todd explained Wes had been driving roads that were sprayed last fall and the milestone in the mix is doing a good job of keeping skeletonweed out.

**WSDA** – Two Proposals for funding opportunities have been sent to WSDA. We have applied for funds to continue working on white bryony in Big Flat Habitat. A second proposal to work on tree-of-heaven primarily along the river has also been sent. We expect to hear more information about WSDA's selections at the Coordinator's conference in Chelan.

**2020 Cost Share Program** – Todd reported we had not signed up the 4000 acres we had hoped for on the 2020 cost share program but did sign up some high priority acreage from the dryland for a total of 3395 acres. The 2020 cost share payment is set at \$9.50/acre, not to exceed the total number of acres proposed by the individual landowners.

**Board Member Reappointment**- Martin Pierret and Paul Herrman's reappointment to the board of Director's is on the consent agenda for the Commissioner's Meeting for March 3, 2020.

**SE WA CWMA** – Vic Reeve, Chairman of the CWMA will retire at the end of May leaving a vacancy for the position of Chairman. Todd expressed a willingness to take over as Chairman. We are scheduled to meet with Vic this week to sort things out.

**Spring newsletter/New Publications**- The spring newsletter is complete for electronic distribution. Wes shared information on a new tree-of-heaven brochure created for the Home and Garden Show and explained the newsletter has links embedded in its content that directs people to our website. At the conclusion of the Home and Garden Show the newsletter will be sent electronically to everyone on the distribution list.

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**Winter Projects** – Todd reported the winter projects are nearly complete. The sign truck is almost done; we are checking the brakes on the pickups and trailers. We will be looking at the spray trucks to get them ready for the roadside spray work.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Home and Garden Show 2/21-2/23; Coordinator's Conference 3/11-3/13 (Todd, Marcus, Betsy)

Vouchers #'s 20-015 through 20-030 signed in the amount of \$6,138.87  
Payroll January...\$26,433.00

**Next Board Meeting Monday 3/16/20 @ 7:00 pm (Note new time)**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:30 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for February 18, 2020

Mario D. Grassl

Chairman

4-20-2020

Date

Todd S. Ghar

Clerk of the Board

4-20-2020

Date

