

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday February 16, 2021 1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

The virtual meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:00 p.m. Board Members present telephonically were Paul Herrman and Dan Voss. A quorum was established. Guests present telephonically included Commissioner Rocky Mullen and Chris Herron, Herron Brothers Partnership. Staff members present telephonically included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector and Luis Esquivel, Inspector. Minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the January Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2020-2021 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – WSDA Quarantine List Hearing 1/26, Wilbur Ellis Technical Seminar Series 1/26-1/29 (virtual). Todd mentioned FCWB had attended the quarantine list hearing remotely. Several noxious weeds present in FC were added to the list. The Wilbur Ellis meeting contained a lot of good information and allowed staff to receive pesticide credits.

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Cost Share – Todd reported that 5001 acres had been signed up on the cost share program. There is a total of \$41,386.50 in the program for a cost share of \$8.28/acre return to participants. Discussion followed on the growth of the program from its initial years. The observation is that there is more interest in the program now and more acres are getting sprayed. Todd mentioned that many CRP acres are in the program this year which means skeletonweed will be targeted.

FC Roadside – Todd reported the chemical had been ordered for roadside work and should be in soon. We had hoped to begin work by now with product on hand but weather is holding us back. John White, Connell Supervisor and Scott Garberg, Pasco Supervisor has given us a list of roads that are ready to be sprayed as soon as the weather turns around.

Winter projects – Todd reported the skid for new gator was nearly built and the vehicles had been serviced.

Capital Assets – Todd explained the delivery of the Gator was still in the works. We have picked up the new trailer and are setting it up with a pallet tank.

USFWS – Todd reported we had been contacted by USFWS about treating 10 acres on Hanford Reach for Medusahead. A proposal has been sent and we expect to hear back from them in a couple weeks. Discussion followed about other noxious weeds also present on their ground. Todd mentioned it was good to have a contact for the Feds now and to be a resource for them.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events – The FC Grower Meeting has been scheduled for 3-3-21 in Connell. Dana Herron, Seed Logic LLC has offered the use of his shop for the meeting. Speakers have been lined up and the agenda has been sent to WSDA for course evaluation. Todd reported we are anticipating 4 credits for the program.

Voucher #'s 21-015 through 21-027 signed in the amount of \$24,518.99

January payroll \$22,213.00

Next Board Meeting Monday 3/15/2021 @ 7:00 pm *note new time

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:32 p.m.

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

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Chairman

3-16-2021
Date

Todd S. Jan
Clerk of the Board

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