

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday July 19, 2021 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Member, Dan Voss attended in person. Board Member, Paul Herrman attended by phone. A quorum was established. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Marc Miller, Lead Inspector and Luis Esquivel, Inspector attended by telephone. Minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Marv Grassl and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

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

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None

### NEW BUSINESS

**2021 Cost Share** – Todd reported Trent Brusseau; Pasture and Land Management Specialist, Corteva Agriscience had called to confirm the meeting to tour the county and look at cost share areas that had been sprayed this spring. The meeting is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are at least 3 landowners that have expressed concern to Todd about failure of the herbicide to control rush skeletonweed. Jerry Ellis, Wilbur Ellis will also attend the meeting. Another purpose for the tour is to have a look at results from roadside work. Todd mentioned that roads in the dryland area look good with the exception of Russian thistle breaking through on gravel roads.

**State Parks** – Todd provided an update on work completed under the prior fiscal year, reporting that State Parks had been billed in the amount of \$23,937.98 for work completed through June 30, 2021. In addition to trail work, kochia was sprayed at Sacajawea State Park. Todd informed everyone that the new contract which runs through June of 2023 had been received.

**BPA**- Todd reported payment in the amount of \$11,999.99 had not yet been received but we would follow up on payment when meeting with Cozette Fink, Natural Resource Specialist. Cozette informs us that the Benton Scootene line will be rebuilt and will need to be treated for noxious weeds. Todd mentioned that much of the weed problems are in the canal area and much of the line runs through farm ground. The intended purpose of the meeting with Cozette is to get clarification on the work BPA wants done.

**Emergency grazing declaration** – Todd discussed the email he had received from Bruce Clatterbuck, County Executive Director, FSA acknowledging the Weed Board's concerns regarding the emergency grazing declaration of CRP. Bruce explained to Todd that only established and certifiable stands of CRP qualify for emergency grazing. Discussion on the definition of young CRP followed.

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**Grant Work** – Todd explained that we are in the second year of the tree-of-heaven work. The sites that are being treated under the grant work were reviewed. Todd mentioned that the tree of heaven at Sacajawea Park and under the I82 bridge had been thinned out by approximately 75 %. We will be taking a look at the time and materials expended so far to determine how much of the \$5000 of funding has been consumed.

**Other Activities** – Todd reported that he, Luis and Marcus had been spraying kochia whenever weather has permitted. Todd mentioned a lot of the kochia is on the back slope just beyond the spray zone but there is also kochia just off the pavement where farmers have been watering. Luis noted that many farmers have been appreciative of the staff's spraying of kochia. Discussion on the herbicides used to treat kochia followed. We have also been doing saltcedar work. Todd shared new WeedBoard signs that had been funded through the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board. Marcus came up with some clever designs for the new signs. Discussion on placement of the signs followed. We are seeking permission from landowners for placement of the signs. Todd also shared we are working with Signs by Sue on getting our logo embroidered on caps. Luis has been communicating with Signs by Sue on the cap project. Betsy showed the Board a picture of a sample Luis received.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None before next Board meeting

Voucher #'s 21-091 through 21-101 signed in the amount of \$6,258.58

June Payroll... \$22,409.00

Next Board Meeting Monday 8/16/2021 @ 7:00 pm

Please contact the office by 8:00 a.m. on Monday July 19, 2021 if you are unable to attend

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for July 19, 2021

Marv D. Grassl  
Chairman

Aug. 16, 2021  
Date

Scott B. Ghe  
Clerk of the Board

Aug 16, 2021  
Date

