

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday June 15, 2020 7:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present by teleconference were Terry Utecht, Vice Chair; Paul Herrman, and Dan Voss. A quorum was established. Staff attending by teleconference were Todd Harris, Program coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Inspector and Lance Harris, Seasonal Inspector. Minutes from the May 31, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second from Dan Voss. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the May Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2019-2020 and Budget update

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None

### NEW BUSINESS

**Roadside Spray Program** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$51,916.40 had been received for the spring residual application and outstanding chemical invoices. Todd explained just under \$35,000.00 remained in the roadside budget adding that time will tell if funds will be available later in the year for fall spraying.

**BLM/ WSDA Assistance Agreement** – The contract for treatment of noxious weeds in Juniper Dunes was received. The work has been completed and WSDA has been billed in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the application and chemical.

**WA State Parks** – Todd provided an update on spraying performed for State Parks. Quite a bit of spraying was done on the Columbia Plateau Trail and in the parks. Todd explained staff had just finished up spraying kochia at Sacajawea Park. WA State Parks will be billed for the work soon.

**Kahlotus Cell Tower** – We are still waiting on payment from I.S. in the amount of \$273.56 for spraying the Kahlotus cell tower but expect to see payment soon.

**Lance Harris** – Lance joined the staff as a seasonal; Lance will be with us for 2-3 months to assist with projects and spraying.

**Weeds of Focus**- Todd mentioned staff has been spraying scotch thistle, yellow starthistle and cereal rye around the county this past month and would continue to spray as long as weather permits. Kochia will also be targeted in the near future. Discussion on other weeds of concern and responsible parties followed. Marv expressed concern that skeletonweed is prevalent along areas of Highway 395. Todd will follow up with the local D.O.T. office to have a discussion.

**Field Sampling** – Todd reported a phone call from Chad Van Hollebeke of CSS had been received in regard to phenoxy-like damage to potatoes at T&R Farms. Todd spoke with Chad and he and Jerry Ellis, Wilbur Ellis had a look at the field. Todd mentioned some of the symptoms are 30 feet into the field. Jerry will collect a sample to be taken to the lab for analysis. Discussion on the mix used in the roadside work and possible symptoms of milestone damage followed.

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**Upcoming Meetings & Events – None**

**Betsy vacation- July 1-July 10**

**Vouchers #'s 20-077 through 20-084 signed in the amount of \$4,346.52**

**May payroll in the amount of \$26,241**

**There being no other business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:36 p.m.**

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for June 15, 2020.

Maw D. Grasse  
Chairman

8-18-2020  
Date

Jack B. Ha  
Clerk of the Board

8-18-2020  
Date

