

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday June 21, 2021 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. A quorum was established. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Marc Miller, Lead Inspector and Luis Esquivel, Inspector attended telephonically. The Minutes from the May 17, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the May Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2020-2021 and Budget update  
**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None

### NEW BUSINESS

**2021 Cost Share** – Todd shared the concerns of participants that had made spring applications to control yellow starthistle, rush skeletonweed and Scotch thistle. Good control was achieved on yellow starthistle but not on rush skeletonweed and Scotch thistle. A discussion on the type of application, lack of moisture and timing of applications followed. Going forward, The Board recommended cautioning landowners against spring applications on rush skeletonweed and Scotch thistle as typically adequate moisture is not received to incorporate the herbicide. The Board reviewed the letter Todd has written to Trent Brusseau, Pasture and Land Management Specialist, Corteva Agriscience. The letter encourages Trent to tour the cost share application areas with Todd.

**FC Roadside** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$33,865.48 had been received for the roadside application and chemical reimbursement. Staff has noticed kochia and Russian thistle coming through as they are surveying and will be targeting kochia on problem roads soon. A discussion on herbicide mixes followed.

**State Parks** – Todd reported State Parks' fiscal year was ending on June 30, 2021. The hours under the current agreement have been consumed and will be invoiced by the end of June. Invoicing will include the sterilant applications on the Columbia Plateau Trail and noxious weed work on the trail and in Sacajawea Park. Travis Gabriel, Park Ranger 1, informs us he is working on a new two year contract.

**BPA**- Todd reported staff had a field day with Cozette Fink, BPA liaison. Noxious weed work on the BPA right of way has been completed. BPA has been invoiced in the amount of \$11,999.99. We expect to see payment soon.

**Rye Control** – There was discussion on spraying cereal rye on Blanton and Overturf roads. Todd expressed concern it may have been sprayed a bit late. A discussion on effective herbicides and the proper timing of an application followed.

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**CRP & Grazing** – Marv provided an update on the declaration allowing emergency grazing on CRP in drought affected areas. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> CRP can be grazed with no penalties. Marv expressed concern that grazing opens up the surface for noxious and nuisance weeds and could potentially degrade CRP by further spreading rush skeletonweed. Discussion of the potential damage to good CRP and the need for land managers to consider the risk versus the reward followed. Todd will follow up with FC Farm Service Agency (FSA) on the Weed Board's concerns.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – There were no meetings in June.

We have received notification that the WA State Weed Conference will be held November 3rd-5th with a hybrid platform. The conference will be offered on line and on site with limited attendance. We have also received notification that the fair will be held this year. A booth has been reserved. Todd mentioned there may be recommendations in regard to social distancing. Betsy has reached out to Dan Dotta, City of Pasco Facilities Manager to inquire about providing pesticide credit training this fall but has not heard back.

Voucher #'s 21-083 through 21-090 signed in the amount of \$4,440.33.

Re-issued check (#0372217) replaces lost check (#00370348) in the amount of \$1,904.40

Payroll April... \$31,836.96

Payroll May... \$22,445.29

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:50 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for June 21, 2021

Mario D. Grassl

Chairman

7-19-2021

Date

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Clerk of the Board

7-19-2021

Date

