

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday February 12, 2024 1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Martin Pierret. Board Members present were Vice Chair Dan Voss, Chance Trainer and Jake DeRuwe. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jake DeRuwe and a second by Chance Trainer. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2023-2024 and Budget update

**Meetings & Events** – WSDA Josh Milne 1/31/24, Todd and Betsy shared the latest research from Josh Milne on the association between spotted lanternfly and tree of heaven; Valley Wide Othello 2/1/24, Todd, Betsy and Sabrina attended. The Weed Board gave a presentation.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Board Member Term Expiration** – Todd reported the Director terms for Martin Pierret and Paul Herrman expire on March 1, 2024. There had been no interest by anyone wanting to serve. Martin expressed his willingness to continue serving on the Board. Paul was unavailable for comment. Re-appointment to the Board of Directors is tentatively set for the Commissioners meeting on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. The item will be placed on the consent agenda.

**FC Roadside** – Todd submitted the roadside plan for 2024 to Craig Erdman, Public Works Director. Todd spoke with Scott Garberg about a timeline to begin spraying roads. Scott informs us that they have not yet pulled shoulders.

**BPA** – Cozette DeTray, Natural Resource Specialist has secured funding for a 5-year contract. The additional funding was secured after a 3-year work plan had been submitted. Todd explained that Cozette had suggested using the 3-year work plan and assessing lines and work needed at the end of the 3-year period, then submitting a new work plan for the final two years.

**Cost Share** – Todd provided an update on the 2023 and 2024 cost share programs. The total number of acres sprayed in 2023 were 5,184.6. There were 84 acres that did not get sprayed leaving \$428.67 available to add to the 2024 cost share program. There was a motion by Chance Trainer to roll \$428.67 into the 2024 cost share program for a total of \$40,428.67 with a second by Jake DeRuwe. Motion passed. The total number of acres proposed in 2024 are 4,612.39. The cost share payment for acres sprayed in 2024 will be \$8.77/acre. Betsy will notify the landowners.

**Rigs and JD Gators** – Todd continues to work on the rigs. He is waiting on parts to hook up the second fuel tank on the One Ton. The one ton also needs new brakes. The big spray trucks may have the spray hoses changed out.

**Supplies**- Todd reported he was able to acquire a pump assembly at a very good price. It will be used on pickup 8815.

**Wheat Grower meeting** – There was discussion on changing the schedule of the wheat grower meeting from every other year to annually. Betsy reported there had been several calls inquiring about pesticide credits. After discussion it was decided to remain on a two-year timeframe.

**HR** – Todd reported on the meeting with Margot Wilder, Human Resources Director to discuss hiring options. Todd explained he is considering hiring a seasonal employee to determine suitability for the position before offering full time employment. Margot informed us that hiring a seasonal position is an option and will help with the process. Luis' last day was 1/18/24.

Vouchers #’ s 24-009 through 24-022 signed in the amount of \$73,243.42

January payroll in the amount of \$15,435.00

**Upcoming Meetings and Events** – Todd will be attending a meeting with County Administrator Mike Gonzalez, Commissioner Steve Bauman and Department Heads on 2/14 and 2/22; Home and Garden Show 2/16-2/18 HAPO Center; Walla Walla Conservation District 2/21/24 Betsy will give a presentation

Next Board Meeting March 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. (note time change)

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm by Chairman Martin Pierret.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for February 12, 2024

Martin Perre  
Chairman

3/11/24  
Date

Scott B. Ha  
Clerk of the Board

3-11-2024  
Date

