

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday November 15, 2021 1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:00 p.m. Board members present were Vice Chair, Terry Utecht, Dan Voss, Paul Herrman and Martin Pierret. A quorum was established. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector and Luis Esquivel; Inspector. Minutes from the October 18, 2021 meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed. **Monthly Financial** – Review of the October Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2020-2021 and Budget update **Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Weed Conference Wenatchee 11/3-11/5, Staff shared thoughts on topics of the program. A presentation on safety and trailering was of particular interest. Todd mentioned information learned from that presentation will be addressed with regard to the Weed Board's vehicles, particularly the spray trucks. Exit Conference with State Auditor 11/19

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Budget – Todd reported the 2022 budget had been presented to the Commissioners and approved as presented on November 2, 2021. The Commissioners were interested in the payroll portion of the budget calling on Carlee Nave, Human Resources Director to provide input. Carlee explained she had reviewed salaries and the WeedBoard payroll is on the conservative side. Other points of interest to the Commissioners were chemical costs and timing of herbicides for specific weeds.

WSDA Grant Work – Todd mentioned payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for tree-of-heaven work had not yet been received. We will follow up on the status of the payment.

FC Roadside – Todd reported 127 acres had been sprayed with product that Public Works had left in inventory. Milestone was purchased and added to the mix for use in the dryland. The Weed Board also purchased 500 gallons of dryland mix and has continued to spray roads as weather permits. If weather cooperates we expect to finish the task by November 24th. The chemical and application charge will not be billed to Public Works until 2022.

BPA- Todd provided an update on the Benton Scooteny project. We have scoped out the Columbia River end of the line. Todd mentioned there are canyons and draws to navigate. Discussion followed on the width of the spray swath. Todd informed everyone the Columbia River end of the line is 500 feet wide but other areas of the line are just 100 feet wide. Todd also explained we will be spraying a gravel lot that will be used for equipment and a helicopter landing pad.

BLM – Todd reported we have received the amended agreement for the additional sprayed acres of BLM ground. Now that we have the agreement the work can be billed as it has already been completed.

M.D.G.

State Audit - 2018-2020 – Todd and Betsy reported on the State Audit for years 2018-2020 stating there has been close work with Daniella Landa, Assistant State Auditor to provide information and documents as they are requested. Betsy provided an explanation of the areas the Auditor is examining. These include the cost share program, procurement and Unemployment. We have been notified of an exit conference which still needs to be scheduled. The State Auditor indicates the exit conference will occur by November 19th. Betsy informed the Board Members they are invited to attend the exit conference.

Grass Seed Trial – Todd explained he had been contacted by Trent Brusseau, Corteva about a grass seed trial. Reed Wiswall has agreed to allow Trent to spray Milestone followed by a direct drill grass seeding. Discussion followed about the possible seed mix. Todd mentioned the work and seed mix will be coordinated between Trent and Reed. FCWB has access to a direct seed drill offered by WA State Parks and will deliver this equipment.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Exit Conference with State Auditor- TBD

Voucher #'s 21-131 through 21-142 signed in the amount of \$11,179.22
October payroll in the amount of \$20, 391.00

Marcus released by doctor for full duty 11/15/2021, Welcome back Marcus!
Todd vacation – 11/24-12/3

Next Board Meeting Monday 12/20/2021 @ 1:00 pm / Staff presentations and lunch will occur prior to the Board Meeting

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:50 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for November 15, 2021

Mario D. Grassl
Chairman

12-20-2021
Date

Jack B. Ha
Clerk of the Board

12-20-2021
Date

