

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes

### Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Thursday November 10, 2022

1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

#### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl Call at 1:05 p.m. Minutes from the October 13, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with the spelling correction of Wilsall's to Wiswall's.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2021-2022 and Budget update

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Municipal Meeting, 10-18-22 (3 credits), Weed Conference Wenatchee 11/2-11/4 (FCWB gave calibration presentation). There was discussion on the use of drones in agriculture. Todd mentioned his appointment to the Washington Vegetation Management Association Committee

#### NEW BUSINESS

**2023 Budget** – Todd reported the budget hearing with the Commissioners had gone well. The meeting was very quick. Commissioner Didier complimented Todd on keeping the budget very close to the previous year's budget. The one comment was whether there was enough in the budget for rising fuel costs. The Commissioners approved the budget as presented.

**FC Roadside Spray Program** – Todd reported weather had put a hold on getting roadsides sprayed. The dryland chemical was ordered and has been received. We are holding off on ordering the sensitive mix for the irrigated miles. Todd mentioned there was a downside to the plans for roadside work. Public works only wants to spray the paved roads in the dryland area. Due to the expense of chemical it has been decided not to use the EcoPak blends. We will be mixing ourselves. It may add a bit of time to the process but it is a cost savings.

**BLM** – Greg Haubrich, WSDA Pest Program Manager has amended the existing BLM Contract to include spraying in Juniper Dunes. We are looking for a window to begin work. Greg has not found out from Debbie Plummer, BLM if funding will be approved for the planned aerial application next spring.

**Cost Share Program** – Todd reported 3829 acres had been sprayed this year on the 2022 cost share program. Discussion on the cost of the chemicals for the program participants and Corteva's buyer rebate program followed. Todd mentioned the 2023 sign up will begin after Thanksgiving.

**State Weed Board** – The Dalmatian toadflax project has been completed. The invoicing will be in the amount of \$3000.00.

**WSDA** – The Tree of heaven project has been completed. WSDA will be billed in the amount of \$7000.00

**Funding Opportunity** – Todd reported on another funding opportunity with WSDA and Private Forestry Lands. There is \$65,000.00 available with a cap of \$8,000.00 per proposal. The funding is for species listed on State Noxious Weed List or WSDA Quarantine List. FCWB will submit two proposals, one will be for Scotch thistle and the other for Ravenna grass. Todd mentioned the Scotch thistle project could be a good fit for drone use.

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**State Parks** – The plans to spray noxious weeds up north in Palouse Falls area are not looking good due to the current weather. Discussion on noxious weeds followed. Diffuse is the primary weed in the park and is estimated to be 5 acres within the park in patchy populations.

**Noxious Weed Spraying & Activities** – Todd reported the rangeland test plots had been completed at Wiswall's with Rejuvra and Plateau. Discussion on the areas sprayed, targeted weeds and the rates followed. FCWB also sprayed a lot owned by Riverview Methodist Church in the city of Pasco. We had planned to provide guidance to a landowner off Jake Rd for yellow starthistle but the landowner has not been back in touch with us. There was discussion on the Wheat Grower Meeting 2023. Todd mentioned the drone company that had given a presentation at the Weed Conference was willing to speak at the grower meeting. Further discussion on location, date, potential topics and other possible speakers followed.

**FC Officials** – Todd reported on meetings with John Rosenau, County Assessor, Nikki Morgan, Chief Appraiser and with Duane Davidson, Interim County Administrator. Todd mentioned he has brought it to the attention of the Assessor's office that it appears there is quite a bit of irrigated ground being charged the dryland rate.

**Board Member Terms** – Marv Grassl, Terry Utecht, Dan Voss terms expiring March 1, 2023

Voucher numbers 22-127 through 22-143 signed in the amount of \$56,494.86

October payroll in the amount of \$23,610.00

**Upcoming meetings and events** – SCBID meeting 12/7 Big Bend Community College

**Next Board Meeting Thursday 12/8/2022 @ 11:30 am (Staff presentation and lunch)**

These are the Board of Director proceedings for November 10, 2022

Man O. Grassl

Chairman

Dec. 8, 2022

Date

Todd S. Ha

Clerk of the Board

Dec. 8, 2022

Date

