

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday April 13, 2026

7:00 PM

M.J.P.

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 6:59 pm

Board members present: Jake DeRuwe, Dan Voss, and Chance Trainer, Martin Pierret

Staff present: Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Heather Noles, Office Manager; Nick Haack, Inspector

Minutes from March 9, 2026, meeting was reviewed and approved with a motion by Chance Trainer and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events –

NEW BUSINESS

CO Road – Most spraying was completed in March. We have sprayed both sides of the county as well as County Public Works yards in Pasco and Connell along with block wall areas Dent, Kohler and Burns Roads. FC Public Works has been billed in the amount of \$176,163.14. Rain has been beneficial for incorporating herbicide on the roadsides. Expecting end of year rebates for all the herbicide that we purchased from Envu. Should be somewhere over \$15,000.00.

2026 Cost Share- Paid out 4 cost share applications. A total of \$7,505.17

Insurance- Rate is going up, we are expecting a 50% increase for the insurance Risk Pool. Commissioners are looking for other options. With the expected increase we will need to increase cost.

State Parks – We have started on State Parks working on early Kochia at Sacajawea Park and beginning Trail work as conditions allow. Working on Kochia Pre-post-emergence application. Park Rangers mowed an area which we are using as a test plot so that we could see the Kochia seedlings carpeting areas. There is a lot of moisture the ground making it hard to get around in that area. We also started on the Columbia Plateau Trail at Ice Harbor to Burr Canyon.

BLM- Received at email from them for approval of \$10,000 for the next 2 years. They have a couple hundred acres that we can do an application in the Fall and Spring of 2027.

Bonneville Power Administration- We will start spraying this month. We have reviewed the lines and have a plan to work on the lines while we also work on the parks.

Weed board – As the weather warms up we expect lots of weeds to pop up.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for March 9, 2026

Martin Pierre
Chairman

5/11/26
Date

Paul J. E.
Clerk of the Board

5-11-2026
Date