

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday March 19, 2018 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Bill Middleton, and Paul Herrman. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Led Inspector, Luis Esquivel; Inspector; and Holly Kress, Inspector. Minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Marv Grassl. Motion passed.

Review and approve minutes from January 16, 2018 meeting, February 19, 2018 Board meeting was cancelled, lack of Quorum

Monthly Financial – Review of the February Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2017-2018 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Basin Agro 1/16/18, Connell; Wilbur Ellis 1/23/18, Pasco; Columbia Wheat Grower 1/25/18 Dayton; Home and Garden Show 2/23-2/25, Pasco; WA State Weed Coordinator's Conference 3/7-3/9, Chelan; the events were well attended. Todd discussed the benefit of breaking up into groups at the Coordinator's Conference to discuss other counties programs, funding, and concerns. The approach was valuable in discussing potential changes to RCW 17.10 that work for all county weed boards.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost Share Program – Todd reported 5390 acres had been proposed in the cost share program for spring and fall applications. A map of the proposed acres was available for viewing. The program participants will be reimbursed at \$4.64/acre. Discussion on the possibility of registrants opting out of the program followed with the suggestion to carry any unused portion of this year's cost share dollars to 2019.

County Road – Todd provided an update on the roadside residual application; to date approximately 1000 acres have been completed. Staff has sprayed all of Districts 1 and 2, and the paved roads in District 4. Staff is currently working in the dryland portion of Districts 5 and 6 with District 6 nearly finished. The irrigated portion of District 5 is next on the agenda. Todd shared information on the herbicides used in the mix.

State Parks – We have been in contact with Andrew Fielding, Resource Steward; Andrew is working on a new agreement for the 2018 season.

BPA – A plan for surveying is in place. We expect to be concentrating on the lines in the near future.

WA State Noxious Weed Control Board – Todd reported on the RCW 17.10 discussion at the Coordinators' Conference in Chelan. The State Weed Board will be presented with the points on which consensus was reached.

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Todd, Marc and Luis have been busy with the setup of the flatbed and skid on the 2007 Ford X-cab 4x4; the vehicle will be ready for field work in the near future.

Grant Opportunity – Betsy shared information on a funding opportunity through WSDA. FCWB submitted a proposal for \$5,000.00 to perform control work on white bryony. Partnerships have been developed with several public agencies which have offered to provide resources for the project.

The spring newsletter was sent electronically to an email distribution list; distribution was timed to coincide with the Home and Garden Show.

DNR made an assessment inquiry on a parcel classed as irrigated ground. The inquiry was referred to FC Assessor Office for clarification. The Assessor provided the Weed Board with an explanation for the land class but stated a meeting between The Assessor and the Weed Board might be in order going forward.

FC Information Services Department requested an herbicide application on the Kahlotus Tower access road and the perimeter of the tower. The application has been made and invoicing sent.

Open Public Meetings Act – Board members received training on the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act.

Holly – Todd announced Holly had accepted a position with Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board. Holly expressed her gratitude for the training and opportunities she received in her time with FCWB. Holly's last day will be April 5th. We wish Holly the best in her new endeavors.

Vouchers #'s 18-026 through 18-042 signed in the amount of \$7,402.71

Board Members signed the Special Purpose District Fact Sheet

January payroll ... \$26,716.00

February payroll... \$26,723.00

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Farm Fair 3/22-3/23, Pasco

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 9:00 pm

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for March 19, 2018

Maw D. Grasse
Chairman

April 16, 2018
Date

John S. Ha
Clerk of the Board

April 16, 2018
Date