

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday January 16, 2018 1:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator and Betsy Crysel; Office Manager. Minutes from the December 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the December Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2016-2017 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Helena Meeting 1/4/18 Kennewick Red Lion, Ag Expo 1/9/18-1/10/18 TRAC

Todd and Betsy shared information on attendance and topics presented at the meetings. Discussion on non-volatility, choline formulation followed.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:05 pm.

No public attended the hearing. Betsy reported on changes to the noxious weed list. Small-flowered jewelweed was added as a Class A noxious weed, statewide. Small-flowered jewelweed is known in only two locations in Washington State. Spurge flax was reclassified from a Class A noxious weed to a Class B noxious weed; designated for control in Franklin County. Spurge flax grows in similar environments as Russian and diffuse knapweeds and may be difficult to identify as it blends in with surrounding vegetation. Malta starthistle and European coltsfoot were added as Class B noxious weeds. Malta starthistle is smaller in stature than yellow starthistle, grows in similar conditions but reported as less aggressive. European coltsfoot prefers moist, disturbed sites invading areas where knotweed control has occurred. Spotted jewelweed and Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid were added as Class C noxious weeds. Spotted jewelweed is not as aggressive as small-flowered jewelweed. Spotted jewelweed competes with native jewelweeds for resources. Concern of hybridization with native jewelweed and potential threat to biodiversity exists. Eurasian watermilfoil hybrid is a cross between the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil and the native Northern watermilfoil. The hybrid was identified by genetic testing after control measures failed. Eurasian watermilfoil was first discovered in Moses Lake. The hybrid watermilfoil occurs more prevalent on the eastern side of the state. Discussion on Franklin County's "Weeds of Focus" followed. Motion by Martin Pierret to approve the Franklin County Noxious Weed List for 2018 as presented with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

2018 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was closed by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:45 pm.

Board meeting resumed at 1:45 pm.

M.D.G.

County Road –Preparation of the 2018 Task Assignment document for roadside application is underway and deliverable to Public Works soon. Todd reported on plans to put GPS coordinates of “owner will maintain” boundaries into the computers in the spray trucks. This will allow staff to view a map of these areas on their approach. The spray trucks will be serviced prior to the start of the spray season.

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Todd provided an update on set-up of the 2007 Ford X-cab 4x4. An aluminum flatbed has been purchased in the amount of \$1,749.00 and will be delivered by G & R Ag Products. The bed weighs 250 lbs. and was built for a ½ ton pickup. Todd has built the skid frame. Staff will be busy this winter completing the set-up of the skid & spray equipment.

Sign-up for participation in the 2018 Cost Share Program runs through the end of January. Discussion on interest in the program followed. Martin Pierret invited Todd to attend the Franklin County Wheat Grower Meeting on Jan 17th at the Kahlotus Grange Hall and discuss the program. Todd plans on attending.

Staff has been registered to attend the WA State Weed Coordinator’s Conference March 7-9th in Chelan.

Todd explained his conversation with Carlee Nave; Human Resources Director. Carlee informed Todd of a mix up in Betsy’s vacation accrual rate and vacation bank resulting from a system error. Going forward, the accrual rate has been corrected. Carlee recommended correcting Betsy’s vacation bank to reflect missed vacation accrual amounting to 33.26 hours. Motion by Terry Utecht to credit Betsy’s vacation bank with 33.26 hours with a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Todd and Betsy shared information on topics for the 2018 spring newsletter.

Vouchers #'s 18-001 through 18-011 signed in the amount of \$3,817.31

Special Purpose District Fact Sheet signed by Marv Grassl, Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Betsy explained the treasure Office updates on an annual basis and would like the signature of all 5 Board Members. Signatures from Bill Middleton and Paul Herrman will be acquired at a future Board Meeting.

Luis Vacation 1/8/18-1/19/18

December 2018 Payroll...\$27,477.00

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Moses Lake; Basin Agro 1/16/18, Connell, Marcus and Holly; Wilbur Ellis Meeting 1/23/18, Pasco Red Lion, Todd and Betsy; Columbia County Wheat Grower Meeting 1/25/18

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:30 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for January 16, 2018

Maw D. Grassl

Chairman

3-19-18

Date

Todd B. Her

Clerk of the Board

3-20-18

Date