

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday May 21, 2018 7:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, and Marc Miller; Lead Inspector. Minutes from the April 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Martin Pierret and a second from Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – WSDOT Training 4/17 Pasco; Annual Report Training & Filing, 5/2 Richland; WDFW meeting 5/3, Prosser; Adams County Weed Board Cattle & Rangeland Management 5/8 Ritzville; Ecology Day 5/18, Mesa Elementary School

NEW BUSINESS

Cost Share Program – Todd reported one individual has completed their spring application and turned in paperwork. Several landowners have informed us spring applications will move to fall timeframe.

County Road – We have received payment in the amount of \$45,137.53 for roadside application and chemical reimbursal. John White; Public Works, requested spraying of Basin City walk path, stockpiles in Basin City and Connell. Chemical from the roadside inventory was used for the project. Public Works has been billed \$200.00 for labor. Todd has communicated with John and Scott Garberg, Districts 1 & 2, on upcoming contact application. We expect roadwork to be completed soon and ready for application. Chemical for contact work has been ordered.

State Parks – The contract for 2018 noxious weed work has not been received, however; Andrew Fielding, WA State Parks Resource Steward, has given us the go ahead to begin working. Staff has spent time spraying noxious weeds on the trail right of way and in Sacajawea State Park.

BPA – The allotted amount for noxious weed work on the right of way has been consumed for this season. BPA has been invoiced in the amount of \$11,000.36 for labor and chemical. The focus of work was on annual rotation and northern lines. Todd reported it has not been necessary to continuously spray skeletonweed as in year's past. Lines that have been treated for two or more consecutive years have intermittent occurrence of skeletonweed indicating a reduction in the seed bank.

DNR- FCWB Staff had a meeting with DNR staff to discuss problem areas. Following the meeting a work day was arranged. The group spent a day on DNR ground near Flat Top treating yellow starthistle. Todd explained the infestation appeared to be contained within DNR ground and not spreading, stating more work is needed in that area.

BLM – Todd reported a contract in the amount of \$3,500.00 had been received for noxious weed work on approximately 95.5 acres in Juniper Dunes area. Another proposal for additional funds to treat the future road into Juniper Dunes was not approved because an environmental assessment has not been completed. Staff will treat the 95.5 acres this fall.

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FCWB-

Area 2 Director, Martin Pierret completed Open Public Meetings Act training at the Board Meeting. Payment in the amount of \$307.03 was received for spraying the Kahlotus cell tower. Todd reported staff had received a compliment on the roadside application from Dana Herron. Over the last month staff has focused a good deal on spraying yellow starthistle. Todd reported while surveying the BPA lines yellow starthistle had been spotted on adjacent ground. Windmill Ranch, Camps Lake and Ribbon Lake Hunt Clubs have been surveyed and owners contacted about yellow starthistle. The Sugar Ranch still needs to be surveyed. Once the extent of yellow starthistle infestation is assessed on these adjoining parcels, landowners will be approached about the best way to manage such a large infestation. Todd and Betsy met with Commissioner Rick Miller for input on potential kochia test plots. Mr. Miller provided names of some willing landowners. Discussion on roadside application followed. Todd provided an update on the Field Inspector Position. The position will close at the end of May at which time candidates will be screened and interviews scheduled.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – 6/21, Municipal Meeting

Vouchers #'s 18-059 through 18-071 signed in the amount of \$13,525.36

April payroll...\$24,501.19

Next Board Meeting 7:00 pm 6/18

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:15 pm.
These are the Board of Director proceedings' for May 21, 2018

Marv D. Grassl
Chairman

June 18, 2018
Date

John B. Ha...
Clerk of the Board

June 18, 2018
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