

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday June 18, 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 7:07 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman, and Bill Middleton, and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Marc Miller; Lead Inspector, and Luis Esquivel; Inspector. Minutes from the May 21, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Terry Utecht and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – No events since last Board meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Cost Share Program – Todd reported the first cost share payout will go out this month to one participant who had completed their application and turned in all paperwork. The majority of spring participants have informed us they will postpone applications to the fall. We expect the second round of payouts will be some time in November.

County Road – Todd provided an update on the roadside spray program. Payment in the amount of \$5181.52 was received for chemical reimbursement and spraying of Connell walking path, stockpiles in Basin City and Connell. The contact application was completed for a total of 246.8 spray miles. FC Public Works has been invoiced in the amount of \$4,936.00 for the application. A few roads with problem areas were resprayed to manage for sand dropseed and rush skeletonweed. Discussion followed on the overall success of a spring residual application and the roadside spray program, now in its 4th year.

WA State Parks – Todd has reached out to Andrew Fielding, Resource Steward, for contract update. Andrew informs us a contract is in the works and given us the go ahead to bill for work completed to date. The lower end of the undeveloped portion of the trail has required a lot of hours working to clean up the infestations. Staff spent a bit of time in the Couch Landing area working on cereal rye as well. There have been a couple days working in Sacajawea Park focusing on kochia, diffuse and hoary cress. Todd explained more work is need and the future contract should allow for continued work on the trail and Parks.

BPA – Craig Fackrell, BPA liaison; informs us payment of \$11,000.36 has been approved and is processing. We expect to see payment soon.

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Field Inspector Position – Todd provided an update on candidates and interviews held for the Field Inspector position. Two candidates have been interviewed; there is one remaining candidate to be interviewed before a decision can be made end of day June 22nd. Todd reported the newer John Deere Gator is not kicking into 4 wheel drive. The guys have spent time trying to diagnose the problem. Todd has decided to run it through RDO for diagnosis. A substantial amount of time has been spent performing field work this month focusing on yellow starthistle, kochia, and cereal rye. There are intentions for Scotch thistle work until application timing and heat become a limiting factor. The cereal rye policy was reviewed. Discussion on cereal rye and goatgrass followed.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events – 6/21, Municipal Meeting- Presenters, topics, agenda confirmed; WSDA, ODA... 4 credits each

Voucher #'s 18-072 through 18-085 signed in the amount of \$5,252.05

May payroll- \$22,481.00

Next Board Meeting 7:00 pm 7/16

There being no other business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:20 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for June 18, 2018

Maw D. Grasse
Chairman

Aug. 20, 2018
Date

Betsy Cypsel
Clerk of the Board

Aug 20, 2018
Date