

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday August 20, 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, Martin Pierret and Bill Middleton. Staff included Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Marc Miller; Lead Inspector, Luis Esquivel; Inspector and Wes Smalling; Inspector. Minutes from the June 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Bill Middleton. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – 6/21, Municipal Meeting; Betsy reported the Municipal meeting was well attended. The course content and presenters were informative and well received. The program offered 4 WA and 4 Oregon credits.

NEW BUSINESS

Cost Share Program – Betsy reported the spring cost share reimbursement payments had been dispersed. Betsy will contact Kelly Cochrane; President of the Wheat Growers Association to request an announcement be made at the next wheat grower meeting reminding the fall participants to begin planning for those applications.

County Road – Payment in the amount of \$4,936.00 has been received for summer contact work. Marcus explained additional applications have been made to clean up skeletonweed, kochia, and marestail as a follow-up to landowner complaints. Concern over the breakthrough of marestail in the spray zone followed. Betsy informed the group Todd, Jerry Ellis; Wilbur Ellis and Kent Pittard; Bayer will tour roads next week.

BPA – Betsy reported payment in the amount of \$11,000.36 has been received, consuming the annual allotment for the year. Work will resume next year under the 5 year contract.

State Parks – Payment in the amount of \$14,254.58 has been received for trail work. Betsy reported a contract has not been received but Todd has been in contact with Andrew Fielding; Resource Steward. Andrew informs us a contract is in the works. Staff has plans to get out on the trail and in the parks this fall.

FCWB-

Wes Smalling joined FC Weed Board as an inspector in July. Wes has eight years' experience in noxious weeds and has been trained on the safe operation of ATV and UTV's. He has already acquired his WA State pesticide license. Welcome Wes! We anticipate you will be a valuable member of our team. Luis volunteered to lead a video project to be used at the BF fair and at future events. Narratives were scripted on noxious weed identification and control, our current program, and Weed Board projects. Luis explained how he created videos which he then combined into a continuous video loop. We are very pleased with the final result and proud to display it at the fair. We look forward to the response by fairgoers. Thank you Luis, for all your hard work! You are an asset to the Weed Board.

Betsy reported the 4 wheel drive on John Deere Gator 2 had been repaired by RDO. The focus of field work has been kochia control to set it back and prevent flowering. Todd, Betsy, and Luis completed several test plots at Big Flat Habitat Unit as part of the white bryony grant work. In addition to evaluating herbicide results an objective of the trials is opening the canopy of the Russian olives for accessibility to the tubers for easier removal.

Upcoming Meetings & Events –

BF Fair and Rodeo 8/21/18-8/25/18

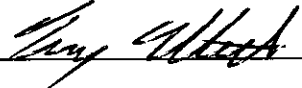
Vouchers #'s 18-100 through 18-115 signed in the amount of \$10,542.75

June payroll...\$22,103.00

July payroll...\$22,005.00

Next Board Meeting 7:00 pm 9/17/18, Todd will present a preliminary budget at the Sept. Board Meeting

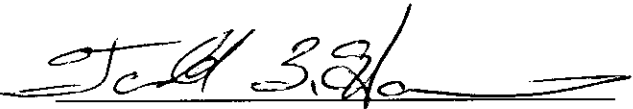
There being no other business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:55 pm.
These are the Board of Director proceedings' for August 20, 2018.



Chairman

9-17-18

Date



Clerk of the Board

9-17-18

Date