

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday December 17, 2018 11:00 AM

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

Presentations were given by staff to Board members at 11:00 a.m., reflecting on 2018. Todd, Marcus, Luis, and Betsy – Each gave a presentation sharing accomplishments in 2018, future plans for 2019. Presentations were well received followed by a short discussion at the conclusion of the presentations. Lunch break from 12:15-1:45 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair, Terry Utecht; Bill Middleton, Paul Herrman, and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; and Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector. Minutes from the October 15, 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 Dec Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2017-2018 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – WA State Weed Association Conference, Wenatchee Nov 7-9, WSU Urban IPM and Pesticide Safety Education 11/28, Kennewick; WSU Last Chance Pesticide Seminar 12/5, Walla Walla; SCBID Weed School 12/10, Moses Lake

Todd reported Marcus had given a calibration presentation at the WA State Weed Association Conference and WSU Last Chance Pesticide Credit. Betsy gave presentations at WSU Urban IPM and Pesticide Safety Education and SCBID Weed School. Discussion on the calibration presentation followed. Marcus reported the calibration presentation was well received.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Meeting – Todd presented FCWB's 2019 budget to the Commissioners. Todd reported he had provided program details on areas of interest to the Commissioners. The Commissioners approved the 2019 budget; Resolution 2018 313

Cost Share Program – Todd gave an update on completed acres in the 2018 cost share program. Discussion on specific problem areas and unused balance of 2018 cost share followed. Bill Middleton motioned to carry over the unused balance of the 2018 cost share dollars into the 2019 cost share program. Martin Pierret seconded the motion. Motion passed. Betsy reported not all acreage has been reported but expects the carryover to be approximately \$6,000.00.

County Road – Todd explained the meeting with Public Works had taken place. Chemical mixes chosen for 2019 roadside, residual work were shared with the Board of Directors. The mixes were chosen to address marestail in both dryland and irrigated areas. Milestone will be added back into the mix for dryland areas. The rate of Esplanade will be increased in the irrigated areas. Todd reported the remaining 2018 roadside budget had been expensed on chemical for 2019 residual work. Todd mentioned FCWB had been asked by Public Works to include smaller spray projects into the roadside spray program. Todd shared Craig Erdman's (County Engineer) concern of how possible reduced revenue in future years might impact the roadside spray budget.

M.D.G.

State Parks – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$3,797.78 for work on CPT and in State Parks had been received. We are still waiting on payment in the amount of \$3,146.49 for an aerial application of 172 acres along the Snake River. We have been informed by Andrew Fielding, Resource Steward; that he is following up on the processing of the payment.

WSDA Assistance Agreement – Todd reported the noxious weed work under the assistance agreement between WSDA, BLM, and FCWB had been completed. Payment in the amount of \$3,500.00 has been received for application and chemical reimbursement. Discussion on the area sprayed and targeted weeds followed. Todd explained a recent communication from Debbie Plummer, Natural Resource Specialist; indicates additional funds should be available in spring 2019 for further treatment. Todd is encouraged that the Environmental Assessment for Milestone and Opensight is expected to be completed for approved use in 2019.

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Wes continues his CDL training. Todd reported the time for Class B CDL training will increase from 40 hours to 180 hours in 2019 resulting in a hike in the costs of the training. We have been informed by Joe Cardillo, Corwin Ford; that the 2019 Ford F-250 may arrive by the end of December. Keith Friend, Keith Friend Fabrication; informs us the flatbed for the new pickup may be in by the end of the week. Todd provided an update on the winter projects being completed at the shop. The guys have upgraded the skid and increased tank capacity on 2314 to allow for more water at the site. The skid for the new pickup is nearly complete. It will also have the larger tank. The emergency lights on some of the vehicles have also been upgraded. The tires on the ATV have been replaced. If time permits a spray tank and boom set-up may be constructed from spare parts. The assembly would be provided to small acreage landowners to help with noxious weed applications.

Betsy reported a deduction of .4% for Family Medical Leave Act will begin in January of 2019. The contribution will be made by the county and the employee. The benefit becomes available in 2020. Claims will be administered by the Employment Security Department, providing partial paid leave for qualifying events to eligible employees.

2019 Grower Meeting – Betsy recommended setting a date and venue for 2019 Grower meeting. Discussion on possible dates, venue, and topics followed. Betsy will inquire of the availability of the Kahlotus Grange for the meeting. The last week of February has been suggested for the meeting providing it does not conflict with any other meetings. Betsy will report more as details develop.

2019 Weed List Hearing- The 2019 weed list hearing will be held on January 22, 2018 during the regular Board meeting.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Helena Meeting 1/3 Kennewick; Eastern WA Ag Expo Pasco 1/8-1/9; Grant County Weed Conference 1/16 Moses Lake; Wilbur Ellis Professional Markets Seminar 1/22 Richland; Columbia County Grower 1/24 Dayton

Marcus away from 12/20/18-1/1/19

Voucher numbers 18-165 through 18-189 signed in the amount of \$186,796.21

November payroll \$26,382.00

Next Board Meeting Tuesday 1/22/19 @ 1:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:00 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for December 17, 2018

Mario D. Grassl
Chairman

Jan. 22, 2019
Date

Jack B. Ho
Clerk of the Board

Jan 22, 2019
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