

# *FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD*

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## Minutes

### Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday August 12, 2024

7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

#### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin Pierret at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Dan Voss and Chance Trainer. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the July 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion from Martin and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2023-2024 and Budget update

**Meetings & Events** – August 9, 2024 Vegetation Management Committee Meeting- meeting cancelled as all speakers are lined up; Aug. 7, 2024 Weed Mitigation Meeting Herron's shop - the meeting was well received, discussion on changing formulas and timing of herbicides

#### NEW BUSINESS

**WA State Parks** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$32,595.81 for work on the CPT and some kochia work in Sacajawea Park should be received soon, per Travis Gabriel, Park Ranger.

**WSDA** – We have received payment in the amount of \$8,000.00 for our Scotch Thistle spraying project in Connell. Payment has also been received for Tree of Heaven work through June 30, 2024. To use up funds by June 30<sup>th</sup> tree-of-heaven that had been treated in 2023 and displaying regrowth, was retreated in the last week of June. Todd mentioned another \$15,000.00 to continue with treatment through June of 2025 had been received. We are also working through the Ravenna grass grant.

**State Weed Control Board** – Todd reported a proposal had been submitted for funds to control Dalmatian toadflax. Due to the number of counties that applied the State Weed Board only funded Class A noxious weed projects. There are no Class A weeds in Franklin County.

**FCWB Activities** – Staff have been spraying kochia on the roadsides, primarily in the dryland area. Discussion on kochia in the Palouse Falls area followed. Todd mentioned that the Colfax crew is responsible for that area. We are also preparing for the fair booth.

**Aerial VM Scotch thistle survey on BNSF Canyon** – Todd shared a map of the Scotch thistle area along the railroad in Connell. Aerial VM is working up a cost estimate for a drone application. Todd will follow up with them.

**Update on landowners with noxious weeds** - There is some good news. We have had some Ravenna grass removed. The property owners received vouchers for a replacement plant for its removal. Todd reported several letters had gone out to landowners with problem areas.

Voucher numbers 24-071 through 24-080 signed in the amount of \$7,988.85.

July payroll in the amount of \$20,017.00

**Upcoming Meetings and Events – Benton Franklin Fair August 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin Pierret at 7:45pm.

There are the Board of Director proceedings for August 12, 2024

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Chairman

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Stodd B. Ba  
Clerk of the Board

10-14-2024  
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