

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting **Monday October 13, 2025** **1:00 PM**

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 1:08 p.m.

Board members present; Chairman Jake DeRuwe, Vice Chair Dan Voss, Martin Pierret, and Paul Herrman.

Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Heather Noles, Office Manager and Nick Haack Inspector.

Minutes from the June 9, 2025, meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events – Benton-Franklin County Fair booth August 19 – 23, Betsy retirement September 1, Welcome Heather Noles – Our new Office Manager

NEW BUSINESS

Regular board meeting was recessed at 1:25pm by Chairman Jake DeRuwe.

Jake DeRuwe opened the 2026 Budget Hearing at 1:25pm. Todd presented the 2026 proposed budget. Salaries were increased 3-5%. Overtime budget was reduced and the budget for part-time extra help remained the same. Overall payroll expenses are down. Majority of the budget has minor changes, office rent increased as we anticipate rent going up, education budget was reduced, and the cost share expense was also reduced. Paul Herrman asked why there was a reduction on the cost share expense, Todd explained this reduction allowed more flexibility in the budget. There was a motion by Paul Herrman to accept the 2026 budget as presented with a second by Martin Pierret. The Budget Hearing was closed by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 1:44pm.

The regular Board meeting was resumed at 1:44pm.

CO Road – Public Works paid \$7405.69 contract work in September on the roadside that was finished in July. Todd is planning meet with Public Works to discuss plans. Todd presented his roadside recipe plan

and suggested changing chemistry to prevent resistance. Paul Herrman suggested that we revisit the decision that was made by Public Works to reduce the spraying area from 12ft to 8ft.

Herbicide Donation-Todd was approached about the possibility of accepting herbicide donation to help get more roads sprayed. This would be donations of chemicals only for additional spraying of county roads.

Discount Options- Todd is now setup as a Pro Applicator with Envu which allows rebates on most of their products. They have a 2-tier rebate program and rebates will be applied at the end of the year.

WA State Parks – Received payment in the amount of \$32,905.49 for trail work and work in the parks. A new biennium contract was received for 2025-2027. \$74000 over the next 2 years.

BPA – Received payment in the amount of \$1,044.60 for Kochia work in the Basin City staging yard. Cozette DeTray, BPA liaison, informs us the Benton Scootney project is nearing completion. The line will be worked into the existing rotation.

Kochia test plots – Jerry Ellis with Envu, supplied a new product called Alion for treatment on PK Hwy and the Port of Pasco.

Weed Board – The team has made visits to previously treated sites. Touch up with hack and squirt and EZ-Ject and Dalmation Toadflax.

Farmer Concerns – There have been concerns about Rush Skeletonweed and Kochia along Hwy 395, kochia elsewhere, weeds and weed seed from canals.

BLM – Todd reports that he is optimistic about contract for 2026/2027. A proposal to spray the Juniper Dunes area has been sent out but we have not heard anything back.

Computer replacement- We received an email from Franklin County IS that 3 computers are approaching 8 years old and should be replaced. Our current laptop does not have correct hookups for presentations. Looking at replacing 2 desktop \$900 each and our laptop \$1250

Franklin Conservation District – Todd presented a letter of support to the board for the Franklin Conservation District. FCWB previously met with Kara Kaelber and she is looking for a letter of support to get the City of Pasco to reinstate their assessment for resource and conservation projects. The board would like further information before signing a letter of support and Todd suggested that we invite Kara back to meet with the board so she can explain what they do.

Voucher numbers 25-99 through 25-109 signed in the amount of \$11,730.15

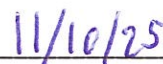
Next Board Meeting November 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by chairman Jake DeRuwe at 2:23 p.m.

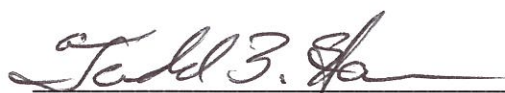
These are the Board of Director proceedings for October 13, 2025



Chairman



Date



Clerk of the Board



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