

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday June 9, 2025 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Vice Chair Martin Pierret and Dan Voss. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Nick Haack Inspector and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the May 12, 2025, Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events – Dana Herron 6-10-25

NEW BUSINESS

CO Road – Todd provided an update on kochia and Russian thistle work on dryland roads to consume the remaining budget. The work that has been done should be showing results. There are a few more roads that will get sprayed. Todd asked Board Members to notify the office of any concerns they have. Staff are also surveying to gauge what other roads need spraying. Jake mentioned wheat will be ready to harvest soon so it would be good to get the roads sprayed prior to harvest.

Cost Share – Todd reported 4,013 acres have been sprayed on the cost share program. There are still several landowners that need to spray but they are waiting for fall timing.

WA State Parks – The contract for WA State Parks terminates at the end of June. Todd explained there is old kochia growth that obstructs applications, so we have been visiting every couple weeks to retreat and pick up spots.

BPA – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$13,200 had been received for the scheduled lines in this year's rotation.

Scotch thistle – Todd provided an update on spraying of Scotch thistle in the Connell area along the waterway and adjacent to the railroad stating results achieved from the drone spraying were better than anticipated. It was noted that the drone was able to get into spots that staff could not access.

Inquiry from Fire District One – An inquiry came in from Fire District 1 about the Weed Board's process for notifying landowners of noxious weeds because of a fire incident involving a landowner. Although it is uncertain whether the landowner ever received a letter from the Weed Board it was determined there should be verbiage in letters sent from the office as to being mindful of environmental conditions and having good judgment when using equipment.

Drone licensing – Todd introduced the topic of pursuing the process for licensure for a survey drone. The cost for training is approximately \$500.00 and could be worthwhile for getting a look at areas we cannot access with the Gators. The first step would be to acquire the 107 license.

Envu – Todd reported on touring test plots on tree-of-heaven and Russian olive with Jerry Ellis. The work was done last fall using combinations of herbicide (Escort and Method) and the EZject cartridges. Results were good on smaller trees using foliar application and EZject cartridges. Follow-up treatment is typical for larger trees. Discussion followed on the soft bark of the tree-of-heaven versus coarse bark of Russian olive when using the EZject system.

Annual Report – Betsy reported the annual report for 2024 had been submitted with minimal concern. Apart from a variance of \$40.00 there were no other issues.

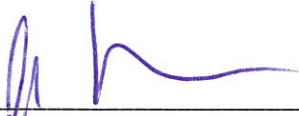
Vouchers numbers 25-074 through 25-084 signed in the amount of \$36,497.89

Payroll May...\$24,987.00

Payroll June...\$25,005.00

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by chairman Jake DeRuwe at 7:42 p.m.

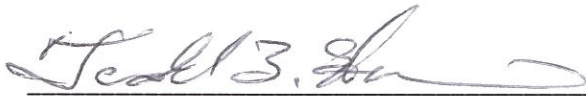
These are the Board of Director proceedings for June 9, 2025



Chairman

10/13/25

Date



Clerk of the Board

10-13-2025

Date

