

# ***FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD***

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## **Minutes**

### **Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting**

**Monday January 13, 2025**

**1:00 PM**

**LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Chairman Jake DeRuwe. Board Members present were Vice Chair Martin Pierret, Chance Trainer and Paul Herrman. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Sabrina Gilley, Inspector and Nick Haack, Inspector. Minutes from the December 9, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Martin and a second by Chance. Motion passed.

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

**Meetings & Events** – None since last Board Meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The regular Board Meeting was recessed at 1:30 pm by Chairman Jake DeRuwe

**2025 Franklin County Noxious Weed List Hearing was opened by Chairman, Jake DeRuwe at 1:30 p.m.**

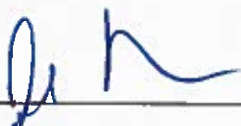
There was no public in attendance. Betsy reported two weeds had been listed as Class A noxious weeds by the WA State Noxious Weed Control Board, round leaf bittersweet, *Celastrus orbiculatus* and marsh thistle, *Cirsium palustre*. Round leaf bittersweet, a vigorous growing vine, has been found in King County and has the potential to negatively impact forestry practices, thereby reducing timber quality. It is also present in Clackamas County Oregon. Marsh thistle is a biennial plant that was discovered in Spokane County, suspected in Whatcom and San Juan counties and is present in Southwest British Columbia, close to the Washington border. Marsh thistle was listed as a Class A noxious weed because of the potential to rapidly expand in Washington State, negative impacts on agriculture, natural resources and biodiversity. Discussion on the regulatory requirement to list Class A noxious weeds on county weed lists statewide, followed. There was a motion from Chance Trainer to adopt the 2025 noxious weed list as presented with a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

**The 2025 Noxious Weed List hearing was closed by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 1:50 p.m.**

The regular Board meeting resumed at 1:50 p.m.

**CO Road** – Todd reported the dryland task has been completed with the exception of a few roads that public works asked us to stay away from while they performed roadwork. In reviewing the mapping from the trucks, we noticed some short sections of a few roads will need to be sprayed because of miscues. The 2025 task assignment has been sent to Craig Erdman, County Engineer for review and approval. Todd explained the task assignment details the chemical cost, application fee and anticipated number of acres to be sprayed. We expect to see the signed copy soon.

Chairman



2-10-2025

Date

Clerk of the Board



2-10-2023

Date