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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Tuesday November 12, 2024

1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Vice Chair Dan Voss. Board Members present were Paul Herrman, Chance Trainer and Jacob DeRuwe. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the October 14, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jake DeRuwe and a second by Chance Trainer. Motion passed **Monthly Financial** – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2023-2024 and Budget update **Meetings & Events** – Washington State Weed Conference Nov 6th-8th

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Budget Resolution – Todd reported the Commissioners were receptive of the budget, approving Resolution 2024-0251 as presented. Discussion on fuel prices and the roadside budget followed.

Co Road – We are ready to start roadside work as soon as we get the go-ahead. Staff has seen public works crew pulling shoulders. Pasco Kahlotus Rd is ready as well as some of the side roads. There is chemical in the inventory to begin spraying dryland roads and plans for purchasing the remaining chemicals needed to finish dryland roads. Chemical for the irrigated mix will be purchased in the spring as weather permits completion of the roadside task. Todd reviewed the roadside budget and the per acre charge for application. Discussion continued around whether there was any contingency for an increase in assessed fees to Public Works to offset increasing prices on supplies and fuel.

State Parks – Todd reported staff had spent some time working on the northern end of the Columbia Plateau Trail and in the Parks.

WSDA – We have received payment in the amount of \$15,000 for tree-of-heaven work. Aerial VM completed the drone application on the Scotch thistle in Connell at the end of October. The application took place along the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad. WSDA will be billed in the amount of \$5000.00 for the project. Staff completed the Dalmatian toadflax work on Bureau of Reclamation ground. WSDA has been billed in the amount of \$5,000. We expect to see payment soon.

Other Activities – Todd provided an update on other FCWB activities. Nick is taking the CDL training. The course runs approximately 4 weeks. We are partnering with Casey Hill, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, to coordinate an application on Scotch thistle in Eltopia. Aerial VM has surveyed the ground and will work up a quote. We are undergoing an audit for years 2021-2023. Betsy reported she is gathering up documents that have been requested. It is time to start thinking about the Grower meeting and speakers for 2025. Todd has reached out to Burl Booker and inquired about having the meeting at the Big Red Barn. We are waiting to hear back from Burl. Discussion on topics of interest followed.

Purchases in 2024– Todd reported the John Deere Gator is scheduled for delivery in February and that the copier has been ordered. It is expected that the Gator can be used as a trade in. We will be visited by the salesman to determine a trade-in value.

Voucher numbers 24-099 through 24-115 signed in the amount of \$17,153.03
October payroll in the amount of \$27,314.00

Upcoming Meetings and Events – So. Columbia Basin Irrigation District presentation 12/3/24, Moses Lake

Next Board Meeting December 9, 2024 including our year end presentation and lunch

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Dan Voss at 2:09 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for November 12, 2024

Martin Perre
Chairman

Date 11/12/24

Edell S. Lee
Clerk of the Board

Date 12-12-2024

