

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes

### Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday December 8, 2025

1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

#### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 1:10 p.m.

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

Staff present; Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Heather Noles, Office Manager; Nick Haack, Inspector; Sabrina Gilley, Inspector.

Minutes from November 10, 2025, meeting was reviewed and approved with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events – Met with Scott Garberg, Road Supervisor, Franklin County Public Works.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**CO Road** – Todd updated the board on the roadside spray. After meeting with Scott Garberg we have a plan. There has been an increase in the roadside spray budget from \$150,000 to \$180,000, which is promising that we can spray additional roads or focus on roads that did not get sprayed last year. Planning to use Esplanade as the base for all roadside spraying this year and trying a few new combinations of chemical to help break up the chemistry that has been used.

**Envu** – Due to the Pro Applicator program with Envu we received a check for \$1,987.75. This rebate check is primarily for Esplanade, but there was also some Method and Escort that was purchased for our own use. We have issued a voucher to have a check made out to Public Works for \$1,811.00 for the Esplanade purchased for roadside application. The rest of the rebate of \$176.75 was our portion. Going forward into next year we will charge Public Works with the rebate already applied in the cost.

**WA State Parks** – Todd provided an update on the State Parks projects. Most of the undeveloped portions of the Columbia Plateau Trail from the Snake River Junction to Burr Canyon has been sprayed. Nick and Sabrina took a scouting trip to see if the trail was clear, but there were several rockslides that had occurred between running the trail and spraying the same area a week later. There was one stretch of the trail that we were unable to treat as there were more rocks and boulders than there was trail.

**DOT** – 395 south of the county line sprayed along with 2 loads on the Gators North of Connell covering the shoulders and median. Highnoon was used to reduce the Skeletonweed and Spotted Knapweed in that area. Todd reported that there were a lot of Skeletonweed seeds and hopefully with the rain that came in after the spray it will help everything sink in well.

**WSU REC** – We have signed an updated Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State University Research and Extension Center. Providing financial support of \$3000 per year to Jennifer Andreas Integrated Weed Control Project.

Voucher numbers 25-12 through 25-134 signed in the amount of \$37,514.34

Next Board Meeting January 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 1:35 p.m.