

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday January 17, 2017 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman, and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris; Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Marc Miller; Lead Inspector, Luis Esquivel, Inspector, and Holly Kress; Inspector.

Minutes from the December 19, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Paul Herrman and a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the December Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2015-2016 and Budget update

Meetings & Events attended – Ag Show 1/3-1/4 Pasco; Helena Meeting 1/5, Kennewick; Grant Co Weed Conference 1/11 Moses Lake; Basin Agro 1/12, Connell

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:02 pm

No public attended the hearing. Public comment submitted via email was presented followed by discussion. Betsy reviewed changes to the noxious weed list. Ravenna grass has been reclassified from a Class A to a Class B designate noxious weed for Franklin County. The Class B-designate listing allows staff to continue work on Ravenna grass countywide. The heading "Weeds of Concern" on the weed list was determined to be vague. The heading has been changed to "Our Weeds of Focus" for clarity. The Board meeting address listed in the policy statement section was discussed. There was discussion on how to denote kochia as a "Weed in transition" on the weed list. Motion by Terry Utecht to approve the Franklin County Noxious Weed List for 2017 as amended with a revision to the address in the policy statement section and addition of an asterisk beside kochia, denoting it as a "Weed in Transition" with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

2017 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was closed by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:25 pm

Board meeting resumed at 1:25 pm.

County Road – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$6,420.00 had been received for 321 miles dryland, residual application. We have been notified by Craig Erdman; FC Public Works Engineer that we should receive payment soon for 2017 product purchased from expensed 2016 roadside budget. Todd explained 2017 residual work will begin by completing the remaining dryland miles. Todd and Betsy have completed the 2017 Task Assignment. The Task Assignment will be submitted to Public Works Department for review.

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FCWB- Todd provided an update on the progress of the John Deere Gator 2 set up. The skid is nearly finished and the wiring for the sprayer equipment installed. The new trailer to haul both the 4 wheeler and the gator is in the process of being built. Todd discussed setting up the One Ton for use in the roadside spray program. Todd pursued and reported on quotes received for an electronics package and Raven EPro Unit to equip the One Ton. A data plan for the iPads was discussed. There was discussion on the purchase of a new ¾ ton pickup. Todd explained he has been checking auction sites for several months and has not yet found one comparable to the pickup purchased in 2016. Motion directing Coordinator, Todd Harris to purchase Raven Epro Unit, sprayer head and electronics for the One Ton and pursue pricing and bids on a new ¾ ton pickup by Terry Utecht with a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

2017 Grower Meeting – The date for the Grower Meeting was set for March 1 with March 2nd as an alternate date. Discussion on locale, topics, and length of program followed. Betsy will pursue locations and report to Board of Directors as soon as a location is booked.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Wilbur-Ellis 1/24 Kennewick, Todd & Betsy; Columbia Co Wheat Grower meeting 1/26

Vouchers 17-001 through 17-010 signed in the amount of \$1,967.09
December payroll \$24,589.00
Special Purpose District Fact Sheet signed by Board of Directors

Staff presentations – Presentations were given by Holly and Luis reflecting on 2016. Each gave a PowerPoint summarizing accomplishments in 2016 and plans for 2017. Presentations were well received with a brief discussion following each one.

Todd will be on vacation 2/7-2/16

***Next meeting Tuesday February 21, 2017 1 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:08 pm.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Board of Directors' proceedings for January 17, 2017

Maw D. Grasel
Chairman

2-21-17
Date

Todd S. Ha
Clerk of the Board

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Date