

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday January 19, 2016 1:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Paul Herrman, and Terry Utecht. Staff included Todd Harris; Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Steven Moreno; Inspector and Marc G. Miller; Inspector.

Minutes from the December 21st board meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Terry Utecht and a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the December Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2014-2015 and budget update.

Meetings & Events – Ag Expo Jan. 5-6, Pasco; The Ag Expo was a joint venture between Benton and Franklin Counties, Basin Agro Grower Meeting Jan 7- Connell, Todd & Betsy; The grower meeting was well attended by dryland and irrigated farmers. Todd gave a presentation on Weed Board activities and future plans. The presentation was well received. Helena Meeting Jan 7- Kennewick, Steven and Marc; The meeting was well attended. Marc reported on drift presentation; Grant Co. Weed Conference Jan 13- Moses Lake, all; attendance at the conference was comparable to previous years, CWMA & I Phone Training Jan 17-Pasco, all.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:37 pm.

No public attended the hearing. Betsy reported on changes to the noxious weed list. Ventenata, medusahead, and English hawthorn have been added as Class C noxious weeds. The Class C noxious weed lepyrodiclis has been removed from the list. The scientific name of spikeweed has been changed from Hemizonia pungens to Centromadia pungens. Discussion on the presence, impact, and management of medusahead and ventenata followed. Ravenna grass was added to Franklin County "Weeds of Concern" list. There was discussion on the definition of "Weeds in Transition" and best management options for Kochia. Motion to approve the Franklin County Noxious Weed List for 2016 as presented with a revised definition of "Weeds in Transition" by Marv Grassl and a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

2016 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was closed by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:25 pm.

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County Rd – Todd reported the remaining 2015 spray budget had been expensed on chemical for 2016 work. Reimbursement in the amount of \$57,331.72 has been received. Staff is modifying the new flatbed to serve as a water delivery truck with mostly repurposed materials. The Board of Director's reviewed and approved the revocable non-expiring Interlocal Agreement between FCWB and FC Public works for the roadside spray program. The Interlocal Agreement was signed by FCWB Chairman and Vice Chairman.

WA State Parks – We have received payment in the amount of \$1,232.00 for completion of 2015 noxious weed work on the trail.

BPA – Todd reported following a brief meeting with Craig Fackrell, BPA liaison, the signature page for the new 5 year contract had been signed and returned. The Board reviewed the contract.

FCWB – A new Ford F-250 has been ordered. We expect delivery in February. The cost for pickup is \$25,463.58, tax and license included. A bed and toolbox have also been ordered at a cost of \$3,470.00. Treasurer will collect use tax.

Expiring Board Member March 1, 2016 – Dave, Paul – We will be stepping up the search for a Director for District 2. Paul has expressed a willingness to serve another term.

Performance Incentive – Betsy shared information she received from Carlee Nave; Human Resource Director, on performance incentives. Carlee joined the discussion via conference call on required Board action to provide incentives for performance. Betsy and Carlee will meet to work out specific language.

Sign – The Special Purpose District Fact Sheet was signed by the Board authorizing Todd and Betsy to pick up payroll and warrants.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Basin Bloomers Garden Club Jan 20- Richland, Betsy; Wilbur Ellis Jan 26- Richland, Home & Garden Show February 19-22 Pasco, all

Vouchers 16-001-16-015 signed in the amount of \$7,272.36

December payroll... \$15,601.17

Next meeting Tuesday February 16, 2016 1 PM

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:23 pm.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Board of Directors' proceedings for January 19, 2016

Mario D. Grasse
Chairman

2-16-16
Date

Jeffrey S. Stone
Clerk of the Board

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Date