

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday January 20, 2015 1:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Paul Herrman and Terry Utecht. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator, Todd Harris, Lead inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office manager. Minutes from December 15, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Beach with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the December Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2013-2014 and year-end review with Budget update

Meetings & Events attended – Sue Sackmann retirement December 16, Ag Show Jan. 6-7, Helena Meeting Jan. 8, Basin Agro Meeting Jan. 8, Grant Co. Meeting Jan14.

NEW BUSINESS

County Rd – Task 3 residual application is on hold until the weather changes with the hope of completing remaining miles early spring. Payment for Task 3a has been received. The interlocal agreement for 2014 expired on December 31; Public Works has presented a new interlocal agreement for 2015 for review and approval. 2015 Interlocal tasks Franklin County Weed Board with road spray budget and program for the year eliminating the need for individual assignments. Two E-Pro II Raven control & mapping units for the roadside spray trucks have been ordered. The purchase of a new surplus DOT truck has been completed and it was delivered December 30. The paint striping truck in Public Work's fleet has once again become available. Vic is in discussion with Matt Mahoney about a fair price. Marcus Miller will be brought on by January 21 to help with preparation of equipment for the 2015 spray season. Marcus will assist Todd in removing equipment from SP1 to reconfigure SP4 for service. SP4 will be housed at Harris Brother's shop during the reconfiguration process.

WA State Parks – Todd has been informed the contracts for noxious weed control and residual application have been approved. We are waiting for verification.

BPA – We had been working with Steve Noralski, BPA's interim contact person to try and develop a new multi-year contract for noxious weed control on the BPA right of way. Recently we were notified our new contact person is Wesley Saway. We are unaware of the extent of his knowledge regarding our efforts to resolve the contract issue; we will be forwarding all prior communications to him.

RFP for Class A Eradication Funding Application Submitted – Betsy shared information about a funding opportunity presented by the State Noxious Weed Board. She submitted an RFP for funds with the intent to provide homeowners with incentive to remove Ravenna grass in exchange for a redeemable certificate for a non-invasive substitution. She received notification from Allison Halpern that although a good idea for a project, the project does not fit the criteria of the RFP. Betsy will follow up with Allison for clarification.

Year End Report - Vic presented a summation comparison for the roadside spray program to Board Members and staff. The comparison detailed expenses and income for 2013, 2014 and projections for 2015. Information was provided to aid Board Members in the determining the value of the program to the Weed Board. The Board will re-evaluate the program at the end of 2015.

Expiring Board Members March 1, 2015 – Marv, Terry, Bill


Robin Kusske Resignation January 4, 2015 – Robin’s request for a payout of accrued vacation and sick time was granted by the Board with a motion by Paul Herrman to accept the termination policy as presented and a second by Dave Beach. Motion passed.

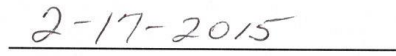
Upcoming Meetings & Events – Spokane Ag Show February 3-5, WCIF Meeting February 5 in Spokane, Home & Garden Show February 20-22 Pasco, Master Gardener March 3 Richland, Grower Meeting March 5 Kahlotus, Coordinators Conference March 11-13 Chelan


Sign Vouchers... 15-001 to 15-009 in the amount of \$2,704.28
Payroll Expense December...\$19,269.96

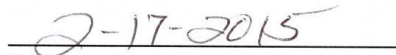
Next meeting Tuesday February 17, 2015 1 PM

Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:58 p.m.


Chairman


Date


Clerk of the Board


Date