

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday February 21, 2017 1:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl.; Board members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman, Martin Pierret, and Bill Middleton and guest Tim Waters, WSU Extension. Staff present were Todd Harris; Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Marc Miller; Lead Inspector, Holly Kress; Inspector, Luis Esquivel; Inspector. Tim shared concern for the prevalence of yellow nutsedge in Franklin County and the impact to crops inquiring of efforts by FCWB staff to educate the public on identification and management. Discussion followed with suggestion to continue current education efforts and develop additional resources. Minutes from the January 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the January Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2016-2017 and Budget update

**Meetings & Events** attended – Wilbur-Ellis 1/24 Kennewick, Todd & Betsy; Columbia Co Wheat Grower meeting 1/26; Todd shared the programs were well attended and contained very good information.

### NEW BUSINESS

**County Road** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$44,327.48 has been received for purchase of chemical for use in 2017 sensitive residual. Roadside 2017 Task Assignment has been reviewed and approved by Craig Erdman, County Engineer and Keith Johnson, County Administrator. Todd shared the 2017 Task Assignment. Discussion on weather damaged roads and impact on 2017 application budget and projected work followed. Todd and Betsy will follow up with Public Works Road Department for details.

**FCWB**- Todd gave an update on Gator 2 and One Ton upgrades. Gator 2 is ready for field work. The skid and sprayer assembly is installed. The One Ton has been equipped with a Raven EPro Unit for use as a spray truck. Todd circulated quotes for a new  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pickup and bed for the Board of Director's to review. The quotes included a comparison for a  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck. Discussion followed. Motion by Bill Middleton to accept bid from Corwin Ford for a 2017 F-250 4x4 pickup and to purchase a bed at the most reasonable price with a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed. Betsy reported staff has been out surveying as weather permits. New locations of Ravenna grass have been identified. Marc gave a report on a preliminary survey of developed portion of the trail; Ice Harbor Road to Snake River Road. Andrew Fielding; State Parks liaison has been notified about boulder obstructions. Andrew has informed us the boulders will be cleared in a couple weeks when equipment returns to the area. Staff will revisit the trail to verify clearance prior to commencing the residual application.

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**State Parks** – Staff met with Mitch Thayer, Ranger 2 at Sacajawea State Park; Mitch informs us mowing down kochia will be a top priority once his equipment returns. We have received a recommendation for an herbicide mix from Jerry Ellis, Wilbur-Ellis, for kochia control. The application will be made when weather and timing permit.

**2017 Grower Meeting** – Betsy gave an update on the Grower meeting/training scheduled for Mar 1 at the Grange Hall in Kahlotus. Topics and presenters are in place. The course accreditation is under evaluation. Betsy will send out notification on program credits upon completion of evaluation.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Home and Garden Show, Feb 24-26, Grower meeting Mar 1, Kahlotus; Weed Coordinators Conference, Mar 7-9, Chelan, Farm Fair Mar 23-24, Pasco

Vouchers 17/011 to 17-024 signed in the amount of \$13,118.06  
January payroll \$25,496.04

**\*\*Next meeting Monday March 20, 2017... 7 pm (note time change)**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:15 pm.

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Board of Directors' proceedings for February 21, 2017

Mark D. Grassl  
Chairman

March 20, 2017  
Date

Jared S. Ha  
Clerk of the Board

March 20, 2017  
Date