

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday April 17, 2017 7:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Bill Middleton and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; Holly Kress, Field Inspector, and Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector. Minutes from the March 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second from Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

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

**Meetings & Events** attended – Farm Fair Mar 23-24, Pasco, SEWA CWMA April 13, Dayton; Todd reported on meeting, history and purpose of SEWA CWMA.

### NEW BUSINESS

**County Road** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$59,124.89 had been received for reimbursement of spring residual chemical. Districts 1, 2 and northern portion of District 5 have been completed for a total of 714 spray miles. Public Works has been invoiced in the amount of \$17,355.95 for application and Eco Pak blend fee. Discussion on application process for Owner Will Maintain agreement and proper placement of signage followed.

**WSDOT** – Todd described the Kochia test plot area conducted by Wilbur-Ellis and kochia clean up application performed by FCWB staff on DOT right of way at Hwy 395 and Blanton Roads. Todd shared his conversation with W.S.D.O.T., Yakima office about paying counties an assessment.

**State Parks** – Marcus confirmed the road blocks had been cleared from the developed portion of the trail. Todd reported staff will set nozzle configuration for sterilant application and perform the application on the developed portion of the trail from Ice Harbor to Snake River Junction at the first available opportunity. Per contract staff will resume survey and treatment of noxious weeds at State Parks and on undeveloped portion of the trail.

**BPA** – As time and weather permit staff will begin surveying northern distribution lines in Franklin County.

### FCWB-

Todd reported both John Deere Gators have been calibrated and are ready for field work. The new 18 ft. trailer is in our possession. The new trailer will haul the 4 wheeler and one gator. The One Ton truck has been set up with a 500 gallon tank and Raven E-Pro unit for use in the roadside spray program. Delivery of the 2017 Ford pickup was pushed into May. Todd reported we should take possession of the new pickup by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Todd, Marcus, and Luis have nearly completed the skid and sprayer set up. There is a bit of wiring to finish.

M.D.G.

Staff has been advised to be on the look-out for kochia; while currently in the fuzzy stage it won't be long before temperature will be optimum for its characteristic fast growth. Motion to surplus 6x 12 Eagle trailer and 150 gallon tank by Martin Pierret with a second from Terry Utecht. Motion passed. Eagle trailer and 150 gallon tank will go to auction on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Meet with Brant Carman, WSDA (Geographic Information System (GIS) specialist April 18, Todd and Luis

Vouchers #'s 17-042 through 17-059 signed in the amount of \$15,833.71

March payroll... \$25,741.30

**\*\*Next meeting Monday May 15, 2017 7pm**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:05 p.m.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
These are the Board of Directors' Proceedings for April 17, 2017

Mark D. Grassl  
Chairman

May 15, 2017  
Date

Todd S. Ghan  
Clerk of the Board

May 15, 2017  
Date