

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday May 15, 2017 7:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Martin Pierret and Bill Middleton. Staff included Todd Harris, program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector, and Holly Kress, Field Inspector. Minutes from the April 17, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Terry Utecht and a second from Bill Middleton. Motion passed.

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

Meetings & Events attended – WSDA GIS specialist, Brant Carman, April 18; Annual Report Filing Workshop, April 28

NEW BUSINESS

County Road – Todd reported payment in the amount of 17,355.95 was received for roadside residual application to Districts 1, 2 and 5. An additional 138 miles in District 4 has been completed. Roadside application work is on hold until notification from Public Works that roads are repaired and ready for chemical application. We anticipate shifting to contact herbicide to clean up roads impacted by excessive moisture following fall 2016 residual application. Contact herbicide will target kochia and Russian thistle. Jerry Ellis, Wilbur Ellis will tour roads to weigh in on results of 2016 dryland residual.

State Parks – The sterilant application was completed on the developed portion of the trail from Ice Harbor to Snake River Junction. State Parks has been billed in the amount of \$2,907.00. We expect to see payment soon. We are at the point of starting additional trail work and in State parks. Todd reported a reduction in kochia in treated areas at Sacajawea Park but mentioned patches remain in areas of thick grasses and debris. Todd expressed the concern from a landowner adjacent to State Parks lands over encroaching cereal rye. Discussion followed.

BPA – Staff have been surveying and treating distribution lines in northern portion of the county concentrating on Lomo-Hanford and lines from river back and beyond Hwy 17. We are close to consuming the allotted funding for the year.

WSDOT – Todd shared a letter received from Yakima office regarding assessment on DOT parcels. There has been discussion with other county entities that have been receiving an assessment. We will wait to see the outcome.

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The new trailer is working well for pulling the Gator and the 4 wheeler. The 2017 F-250 is ready for pick up at Corwin Ford. A flatbed has been ordered; the bed is identical to the one on the 2016 F-250. The bed will need to be installed. Todd has been getting prices on installation. The Eagle trailer and 150 gallon were sold at May 6th auction. The lot brought \$1,025.00; Commission and marketing fee will be deducted from this amount. Betsy reported the Municipal meeting has been scheduled for June 21st. Benton and Franklin County Weed Boards and the City of Pasco will sponsor the training. Dan Dotta, City Facilities Director has offered the new Pasco Police Department Building as a location for the meeting. Betsy is currently working on

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lining up topics and speakers. Scott Nielson, WSDA Area Manager has agreed to give a talk on posting and compliance. He will also moderate a round table discussion.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Municipal meeting June 21, 2017.

Sign vouchers #'s 17-060 through 17- 072 in the amount of \$33,476.66

April payroll...\$25,553.80

****Next meeting Monday June 19, 2017 7pm**

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

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for May 15, 2017

Mark D. Hassel
Chairman

June 19, 2017
Date

T. D. Smith
Clerk of the Board

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Date