

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes

### Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday June 15, 2015

7:00 PM

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Terry Utecht and Bill Middleton. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator; Todd Harris, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

#### Old Business

Minutes from the May 18, 2015 Board Meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Terry Utecht with a second by Bill Middleton. Motion passed.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Public Hearing for 2016 Assessment Increase was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:22 p.m.**

Vic reported on assessment funds by year, and historical allocation of assessment funds for program operating expenses. He presented a comparison of income and expenses by year and demonstrated need to secure outside contracts to supplement funding operating costs of existing program. The intent of the proposed per parcel assessment increase and program goals was reviewed. A projection on future level of program was discussed subject to various assessment increase amounts and retention of outside revenue. Motion by Chairman Marv Grassl with a second by Terry Utecht to present the proposed per parcel assessment increase to the commissioners. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing for 2016 Assessment Increase was closed by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:09 p.m.**

**County Rd** – Vic reported on summer contact work, miles completed and plan for finishing contact application.

**Auction** – Payment in the amount of \$3,462.42 was received for surplus equipment of SP1 & 725 gal tank.

**New Employee** – Joe Turner started as new Field Inspector on May 28th.

**Conservation District** – The Conservation District has moved to its new location at 1724 E. Superior St. Pasco. An open house to tour the facility will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Board Members and staff are invited to attend. The Cost Share project has been completed. Todd assisted in finishing up the project. He reported \$40,000 of the \$50,000 was spent.

**Municipal Meeting** – The Municipal meeting is scheduled for June 23rd at the Pasco Senior Center. We have been approved for 3 pesticide credits. In addition, The Conservation District will provide information on drought tolerant landscapes and water conservation.

**Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board** – Vic reported on changes taking place at BCNWCB. FCNWCB will assist in an aquatic application on the Yakima Delta. The application is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Vic reviewed the Interlocal Agreement and Scope of Work between Benton and Franklin County Weed Boards. He reported Benton County Weed District 1 is interested in sub-contracting weed control.

**Jennifer Andreas- WSU-** FCNWCB sent a letter of support endorsing Jennifer for advancement to Associate Professor.

**State Weed Board** – Butch Klaveano's term ends June 1. He is stepping down. Carey Caruso, commercial beekeeper out of Pomeroy is a prospective new Board Member. Alison Halpern, Executive Secretary, is encouraged at the opportunity to promote cooperation between beekeepers and noxious weed management efforts.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** –Municipal Meeting June 23- Pasco Senior Center; Vic knee replacement is scheduled for June 25; Todd will be on vacation July 6<sup>th</sup> - July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sign Vouchers...** Vouchers signed in the amount of \$17,309.32  
**Payroll Expense May...** \$15,689.54

**Next meeting Monday July 20, 2015 7 PM**

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 8:45 p.m.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Board of Directors' Proceedings for June 15, 2015

Mary D. Grassl  
Chairman

7-20-15  
Date

Victor Zeeve  
Clerk of the Board

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Date