

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday June 19, 2017 7:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Paul Herrman. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; and Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector. Minutes from the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Terry Utecht and a second from Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

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

### NEW BUSINESS

**County Road** – Todd reported 138 paved, road miles was sprayed in District 4 with residual mix. An additional 304 spray miles were sprayed with the contact herbicide mix in Districts 5 & 6 on gravel roads. Discussion of contact herbicide chemistry and application rate followed. Public Works has been invoiced in the amount of \$11,076.62 for application and chemical reimbursable. The total miles included in the billing are 442. Todd informed Board Members that the 2016 fall application did not produce expected results. Chemical representatives have visited the affected areas. Poor performance of the products is attributed to excessive moisture and leaching of chemical below the seed germination zone. FCWB will receive replacement chemical at no charge.

**WSDA**- Todd explained WSDA had contacted FCWB requesting spray records for an area on Bellevue Road that sustained damage to peas. WSDA explained the request was to eliminate FCWB. Spray records and tracklogs have been sent.

**State Parks** –We are waiting on payment in the amount of \$2,907.00 for sterilant application on the developed portion of the trail from Ice Harbor to Snake River Junction. Additional hours were spent in Sacajawea State Park performing noxious weed work. Invoicing in the amount of \$2,474.28 has been submitted for payment. Andrew Fielding, Resource Steward informs us both invoices are processing; payment is expected to be received in the next 30 days. Staff plans on hitting undeveloped portion of the trail in the near future.

**BPA** – BPA has been billed in the amount of \$11,076.61 for survey, application work, and chemical application to northern distribution lines. Craig Fackrell, Resource Specialist informs us invoicing has been approved and is processing. Payment should be received by the end of June. The allotted funding for 2017 has been consumed. Discussion of progress was discussed.

### FCWB-

FCWB received payment in the amount of \$885.00 for the Eagle trailer and 150 gallon tank sold at May 6 auction. Todd reported on progress of the 2017 F250 setup. Toolboxes are being built. Todd has plans to install the bed and begin equipping the vehicle for field work in the near future. Staff reported they are seeing considerable amount of Scotch thistle and yellow starthistle this season. Todd shared pictures of several areas with infestations. Coordination of an aerial application is under way. Acreage to be sprayed totals 285. Todd reported Benton County has 3 low mileage pickups for sale at public auction.

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Pictures of the trucks were available for viewing by the Board. The auction ends on June 23. Todd proposed bidding on one of the vehicles to upgrade FCWB's fleet. Discussion on acceptable bid followed.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Municipal Meeting 6-21, 4 WA credits, 3 OR credits, Betsy reported on topics and presenter:

Vouchers #'s 17-073 through 17-083 signed in the amount of \$12,371.72

May payroll \$25,780.00

Marcus vacation 6/19-6/23, 7/3-7/7; Betsy vacation 7/17-7/28

**\*\*Next meeting Monday July 17, 2017 7pm**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:02 pm

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for June 19, 2017

Maw D. Grass  
Chairman

7-17-2017  
Date

Joel S. Ho  
Clerk of the Board

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