

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday September 19, 2016 7:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Marc Miller, Inspector; Holly Kress, Inspector; and Luis Esquivel, Inspector. Minutes from the August 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Martin Pierret and a second by Terry Utecht.

Monthly Financial – Review of the August Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2015-2016 and Budget update

Meetings & Events attended – BF Fair & Rodeo, Staff shared their thoughts on fair attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

CDL Training – Todd reported Holly & Luis Esquivel both passed CDL training with flying colors. Congratulations to both for making perfect scores. Holly and Luis have been practicing driving the spray trucks in preparation for fall residual work.

WA State Parks – We are waiting on payment in the amount of \$4,240.00 for noxious weed work performed in Sacajawea Park, Lyons Ferry and on the Columbia Plateau Trail. Andrew Fielding, State Parks liaison has approved additional fall work. Andrew expressed work should be concentrated in Sacajawea Park targeting Kochia and other noxious weeds.

County Road – The final contact application was completed for a total of 239 spray miles. Public Works has been invoiced in the amount of \$9,961.72 for application and chemical reimbursals. Todd reported the herbicide mix used in the contact application was a new chemistry recommended to address the problem of Kochia on county roads. Planning for fall residual work is under way. Todd will meet with Jerry Ellis, Wilbur Ellis to discuss herbicide options and pricing for fall residual and 2017 work. A meeting with the road crew bosses is scheduled to finalize selections for scope of work and herbicide mixes.

WSNWCB- Todd provided information on the possible reclassification of Ravenna grass from a Class A noxious weed to a Class B. Todd explained staff has done a reasonable amount of work on Ravenna grass in Franklin County. A B-designate classification is staff's preference to maintain the current level of effort and leverage.

D.O.T. – FCWB & BCWB will meet with supervisors on September 29th. Staff has been surveying Highways 395 and 182 in preparation for the meeting. The discussion will include the presence of noxious weeds on state rights of way and proper timing of herbicide applications for effective noxious weed control on rights of way adjacent to sensitive areas.

M.D.G.

CO TENANT – Todd reported Franklin County Emergency Management has vacated the building. The Planning Department intends to take over the space but at the present time no move-in date is specified. We have been informed a reception area may be constructed prior to their moving in.

IPad Discussion – Todd reported the Assessors' Department has 4 iPads that may be available. Todd explained the iPads could support survey work in the field. Todd requested the Board consider the procurement of the iPads. The Board gave the go ahead to work with the Assessor Department on an equitable arrangement.

2017 Budget- Todd presented a first look at the budget. Two budget options were presented. There was discussion on increases and decreases in budget line items. Salaries for positions were also discussed. The 2017 budget hearing is set for October 17.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – WA State Weed Conference, Wenatchee Nov 2-4

Vouchers 16-107 through 16-116 signed in the amount of \$2,965.36
August payroll...\$24,989.00

Next meeting October 17, 2016 1 pm *Note time change

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:18 p.m.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board
Board of Directors' proceedings for September 19, 2016

Maw D. Grassl
Chairman

Oct. 17, 2016
Date

John Z. Glu
Clerk of the Board

October 17, 2016
Date