

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday January 22, 2019 1:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Call to order at 1:00 pm

Review and approve minutes from Dec 17, 2018 meeting

Monthly Financial – Review of the Dec Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2017-2018 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Helena Meeting 1/3 Kennewick; Eastern WA Ag Expo Pasco 1/8-1/9 Todd reported Ag Show attendance was down noting that the No Till Conference was held during the same timeframe.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting was called to by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:02 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair, Terry Utecht; Martin Pierret, and Paul Herrman. Guests included Commissioner, Clint Didier; Burl Booker, and Ed Cooper. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Marc Miller Lead Inspector and Field Inspector Wes Smalling. Minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second from Paul Herrman.

2019 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:23 pm.

Todd reported on changes to the noxious weed list. Three Class B noxious weeds were reclassified as Class B-designate noxious weeds; Dalmatian toadflax, houndstongue, and European coltsfoot. The scientific names of five noxious weeds were changed. Discussion on state mandated changes followed. Formatting changes to the weed list were presented. The changes include replacement of the old logo with the new logo, the addition of an asterisk to all Franklin County's Class B-designate noxious weeds and a Class B-designate control definition. Noxious weeds featured on the 2019 weed list are Scotch thistle and spikeweed. Images of Scotch thistle and spikeweed have been added. Clint Didier shared concerns that dodder is problematic in potatoes and suggested dodder should be added to the weed list. There was a motion by Paul Herrman to accept the 2019 weed list with the revision to include dodder, with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

2019 Franklin County Weed List Public Hearing was closed by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:45 pm.

Board Meeting resumed at 1:45 pm.

Roadside Spray Program - Payment in the amount of \$132,641.81 has been received for reimbursement of chemical to be used in 2019.

DOT – Todd provided an update on areas sprayed for noxious weeds. The median of Hwy 395 was spot sprayed between Eltopia and Hwy 260. The north and south bound shoulders were broadcast sprayed from mile posts 59 to the county line. Plans to spray westbound on Hwy 182 from 4th Avenue to Road 68 have not been confirmed. Total verified acres sprayed in Franklin County are 40. Discussion on the herbicide used in the application followed.

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Cost Share Program – Todd reported the unused amount in the 2018 cost share program was \$6,982.88. This amount has been added to the 2019 cost share program bringing the total available to just under \$37,000.00. To date there have not been many landowners sign up for the 2019 program.

Wes presentation – Wes gave his 2018 presentation. The presentation was well received followed by brief discussion on specific noxious weeds.

State Parks – There is still an outstanding payment of \$3,146.49 for aerial application along the Snake River. Andrew Fielding, Resource Steward; is checking on the status of payment processing.

FCWB –

Todd reported Wes had completed CDL training. The 2019 Ford F-250 and flatbed have been delivered. The guys will be working on getting it set up for field work this winter along with a couple other small projects. Todd shared the draft agenda for the Grower meeting. The Grower meeting will be held on Feb 28th at the Grange Hall in Kahlotus. The meeting will include lunch prepared by The Farmer's Daughter. The agenda is ready to be sent to WSDA for credit evaluation. Todd reported Marv Grassl's, Terry Utecht's, and Bill Middleton's terms will expire on March 1, 2019. Bill has expressed his intention to retire at the end of his term. He is actively recruiting for his position. Todd will follow up with Bill's recommendation for his replacement.

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Wilbur Ellis Professional Markets Seminar 1/22 Richland; Columbia County Grower 1/24 Dayton

Voucher #'s 19-001 through 19-019 signed in the amount of \$26,288.15

December 2018 payroll - \$26,330.00

Next Board Meeting Tuesday 2/19/19 @ 1:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl @ 2:40 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for January 22, 2019

Mark D. Grasse
Chairman

Feb. 19, 2019
Date

Todd S. Ha
Clerk of the Board

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