

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

MAILING - 1016 NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> OFFICE - 502 BOEING STREET PASCO, WA 99301  
OFFICE: (509)-545-3847  
EMAIL: [fcwb@co.franklin.wa.us](mailto:fcwb@co.franklin.wa.us)

## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday October 16, 2017 1:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman, and Bill Middleton. Guests included Tim Waters, WSU Extension; Rachel Hutchens, Columbia County Weed Board Coordinator, and Lila Hutchens. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector, and Holly Kress, Inspector. Minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Bill Middleton and a second from Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

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

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Army Corps of Engineers, City of Pasco, and Benton and Franklin Weed Boards 9/28 Todd reported on the meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Columbia County Cost Share Program** – Rachel provided details on Columbia County Weed Board's cost share program for yellow starthistle. Rachel shared information on the programs history and longevity, explaining the application process, requirements of the landowner, and cost share payment. Chemical and aerial application bidding processes were discussed. Rachel remained at the Board meeting for a question and answer session following her presentation.

**2018 Budget Hearing** – Marv Grassl opened the public hearing for the 2018 budget at 2:05 p.m. Todd presented two budget options; one budget included the cost share program, the second budget excluded the cost share program. Discussion on administering the program followed. Todd reported Commissioner Bob Koch had been made aware of the intention to implement the cost share program in 2018. A meeting with Franklin County's Prosecuting Attorney and review of documents had been requested. Todd explained decisions for increases and decreases to specific budget line items. There was a motion by Paul Herrman to approve the budget with the cost share program as presented with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed. Budget hearing was closed by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:25 p.m.

**Regular Board meeting resumed at 2:25 p.m.**

**County Road** – Todd reported the remaining 2017 roadside budget will be expensed on chemical for 2018 residual work. Todd explained the decision to perform all residual work in the spring of 2018 was to allow public works to do road work this fall and to extend spring applied residual further into the 2018 season. Concerns of weather related events that could alter or inhibit application were expressed.

M.D.G.

**State Parks-** Todd reported on fall plans for work on the Columbia Plateau Trail and spraying yellow starthistle.

**FCWB-**

Todd gave an update on recent spraying of noxious weeds. Concentration has been on Dalmatian toadflax on Bureau of Reclamation property and the City of Connell as well as some spraying to help private landowners. Marcus and Todd explained future plans to spray for diffuse knapweed and skeletonweed on 16 acres within the city of Connell. Marcus is coordinating aerial and ground applications between two adjacent land owners. Other land owners have been contacted to coordinate fall applications and are awaiting a response. Todd mentioned the best timing for surplus of 4440 will be the 2018 spring auction. Todd reported the biocontrol program administered by Jennifer Andreas, WSU Extension faces a 30% cut in funding for the upcoming year. Todd circulated a letter of support for continued funding; Board members reviewed and signed the letter. The letter will be sent with other counties to Olympia. Todd mentioned the opportunity to help fund the program.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events – Weed Conference 11/1-11/3 Wenatchee**

Vouchers #'s 17-126 through 139 signed in the amount of \$3,771.25  
September payroll \$26,285.00

**\*\*Next meeting Monday November 20, 2017 1pm**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:55 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for October 16, 2017

*Maw D. Grassl*

Chairman

*Nov. 20, 2017*

Date

*Todd B. Ha...*

Clerk of the Board

*Nov 20, 2017*

Date