

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday November 14, 2016 1:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:00 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman, Bill Middleton, Martin Pierret and guest Carlee Nave, Human Resources Director. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Inspector; and Holly Kress, Inspector. Minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Paul Herrman and a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the October Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2015-2016 and Budget update
Meetings & Events attended – Commissioner's Meeting - Oct 26; Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) & City of Pasco - Bike Path, Oct 27; WA State Weed Conference, Wenatchee Nov 2-4, Staff shared their thoughts on the Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Budget – Todd reported the 2017 budget had been presented to the Commissioners for review. The Commissioners approved the budget.

Q & A Session /Policy – Carlee presented the County position on the salary matrix addressing grade and step increases for positions. Discussion followed with Carlee answering questions from the Board of Directors. Todd reviewed the two salary options that had been presented in the November meeting. The Board requested a proposal for staff salaries be prepared by Todd and Betsy that befits the budget for presentation at the December Board meeting.

WA State Parks – We have received payment in the amount of \$4,240.00 for noxious weed work performed in Sacajawea Park, Lyons Ferry and on the Columbia Plateau Trail. Todd explained there has been an amendment to Agreement IA 517-103 which increases funding for noxious weed work up to \$30,000.00 through June 2017. State Parks has been invoiced for additional work in the amount of \$3,130.00 for work performed between 8-3-16 to 10-28-16 on Diffuse Knapweed and Skeletonweed in Palouse Falls State Park.

County Road – Todd gave an update on current plans for dryland residual application. Todd informed the group Public Works has been billed for fall residual chemical. There was discussion on the chemical mixture. We are waiting on the go ahead from the road crew to begin application following their completion of grading. Any remaining 2016 roadside budget will be expensed on chemical for future applications.

M.D.G.

D.O.T. – We were informed by D.O.T. that an herbicide application was made to 395 shoulders and median targeting Rush skeletonweed between Eltopia and Mesa. Staff also spotted crews spraying on SR260 and SR261.

CO TENANT – FC Planning and Building Department has moved in; FCWB has received a letter from the Port of Pasco authorizing sublease.

Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) – Pete Ober, biologist for ACOE informs us 5 (plus) acres in the Chiawana Park area has been seeded with a native grass mix.

FCWB- Todd explained the staff is in the process of making upgrades to the office as part of the winter projects. The new John Deere Gator was delivered and available for viewing at the Board meeting. Todd explained the Gator has the same features as the current one. Staff will be working on it over the winter to ready it for spring field work.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – WSU Urban IPM & Pesticide Safety Education, Dec 5-6 TRAC; Columbia Basin Project Weed School Dec 13-14 Moses Lake

Sign vouchers in the amount of \$65,907.61

October payroll... \$24,921.00

Next meeting December 19, 2016 11 am - Staff presentations

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:30 pm
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Board of Directors' proceedings for November 14, 2016

Marv D. Grassl
Chairman

Dec. 19, 2016
Date

Scott B. Ho
Clerk of the Board

December 19, 2016
Date