

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes

### Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday November 16, 2015

1:00 PM

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Vice Chair Dave Beach. Board members present were Paul Herrman, Bill Middleton, and Terry Utecht. Guest present, Tim Waters, WSU. Staff included Todd Harris, Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Minutes from the October 19, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Paul Herrman with a second by Bill Middleton. Motion passed. **Monthly Financial** – Review of the October Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2014-2015 and budget update.

**Meetings & Events** attended – Commissioners Budget 10-28, Todd reported the budget meeting went well. WA Weed Conference, Wenatchee 11/4-11/6 –Todd & Steven, Todd shared information on the State Weed Conference.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**2016 Budget** – The 2016 budget was presented to the Commissioners on 10-28 and approved. Budget resolution was signed by Commissioners on November 4th. We have received a copy of the signed resolution. There was discussion on the effect the assessment increase will have on the budget and operations.

**CDL Training** – Steven Moreno and Marcus Miller completed CDL training and have begun to drive the spray trucks in the roadside application. They are learning to spray as they go.

**County Rd** – We have received payment in the amount of \$580.00 for the tail end of summer contact work. 2015 dryland residual is underway with 305 plus miles completed to date. This is approximately half of the contracted dryland miles. Todd reported applications are going well and anticipates completing the dryland with an additional 3-4 spray days. Specific roads have been chosen to test and compare different herbicide combinations. Staff will monitor results for future reference.

**Conservation District** – We have received the MOU for contract labor. Professional services will be rendered by Marcus Miller as FCWB needs him. The expectation is to have Marcus for completion of 2015 fall dryland work and greater availability next year for spring residual application and contact work.

**Bike path & Columbia Shoreline** – Betsy shared information on the meeting between Army Corp of Engineers, City of Pasco, FCWB & BCWB regarding puncturevine and noxious weed management. Betsy reported the meeting was beneficial to meet personnel, distinguish roles and collaborate on developing a plan for 2016. Discussion of treating from Chiawana Park to the Levy was discussed. FCWB will continue to encourage the work.

**District 2 Director Search** –The Board viewed area maps and discussed individuals who might be willing to serve as the District 2 Director. The Board was asked to continue to think about potential candidates and pass the information to FCWB staff.

**Votaw Project** – Todd reported the Votaw project has been shelved until next spring.

**WA State Parks** – 2015 noxious weed work on the trail has been completed. FCWB will be billing for the final phase of application. We have been contacted by Andrew Fielding; Resource Steward for Eastern and Northwest regions, inquiring about possibility of expanding trail work within and beyond Franklin County. Todd will revisit the topic with Andrew early 2016 to discuss details. FCWB will report to the Board following the meeting for opinion.

**BPA** –Per Craig Frackell, Natural Resource Specialist, Pasco ...expect contract at end of October. Still waiting.

**State Auditor Recommendation** – Betsy reported on the recommendation by the State Auditor following review of the annual report.

**Human Resources** – We have been notified by Danita Wetle, Human Resources that we need to enroll in the County's Insurance Plan. Staff will be meeting with Human Resources and will report back to the Board.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – SCBID Weed School, 12/9-12/10

**Signed vouchers...** 15-102 through 15-110 in the amount of \$53,921.83

**October payroll...** \$13,867.67

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Dave Beach at 2:40 p.m.

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board  
Board of Directors' proceedings for November 16, 2015

Mary D. Grasse

Chairman

David Z Beach  
vice chairman

Dec. 21, 2015

Date

12/21/2015

Scott S. ...

Clerk of the Board

12-21-2015

Date