

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday November 20, 2017 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 Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Paul Herrman and Martin Pierret, and guest Tim Waters, WSU Extension. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector; and Holly Kress, Field Inspector.

Minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second from Paul Herrman.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Todd reported on meeting with FC Prosecuting Attorney 10-19, the Prosecuting Attorney determined the documents for the cost share program were satisfactory; Weed Conference 11/1-11/3, Wenatchee, the Conference was informational and well attended; SE WA CWMA 11/16/17 Dayton, WA. The CWMA celebrated their 10th year with each County Coordinator sharing information about their program.

NEW BUSINESS

2018 Budget – Todd presented 2018 budget to Commissioners; The Commissioners were informed of the intent of the cost share program; Todd reported the Commissioners had been apprised of the meeting with Teresa Chen, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and PA's review of associated cost share documents, discussion followed; Commissioner Rick Miller expressed interest in a cost share program for kochia in future years, Todd explained reasoning for increases and decreases to other budget line items. The cost share program and 2018 budget were well received. The Commissioners approved the 2018 Budget.

County Road – We received approval from Craig Erdman; FC Engineer to expense remaining 2017 roadside budget on chemical totaling approximately \$81,000.00 for 2018 work. The order is in the process of being filled. Todd explained the shortfall in the roadside revenue in 2017 was due to extensive damage and repair work and the postponing of dryland residual application to spring of 2018. Discussion on spring 2018 roadside residual plan followed; tentative to begin in dryland region in February.

WA State Parks- Todd reported surveying of Columbia Plateau Trail had been completed for the year from Ice Harbor Dam to the end of the trail. Todd acknowledged there is much work on yellow starthistle to be done. State Parks was invoiced in the amount of \$8,711.43; payment has been received.

M.D.G.

FCWB-

The 2007 Ford X-cab 4x4 half-ton is in our possession. The 1999 Dodge pickup (4440) was used as a trade in bringing \$1500.00 value, final cost for 2007 pickup was \$12,795.50. A set of existing tires were installed. The truck has been taken on a road trip and drives well with no issues. The pickup will be set up with a skid and spray system. Todd will get more information on the cost of an aluminum flatbed to present in the future.

Todd shared information about additional acres treated for yellow starthistle along the Snake River. 230 acres were treated between two adjoining landowners.

Marcus reported on the City of Connell work. Marcus explained that while previously treating 16 acres of scotch thistle, rush skeletonweed and yellow starthistle had been discovered on the site. FCWB partnered with the City of Connell and sprayed the skeletonweed and starthistle with the city providing the chemical. Parcels belonging to Public Works were also sprayed for a total of approximately 20 acres.

Staff has winterized the spray equipment. Todd noted if weather permitted the equipment would be brought out again for more spraying.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – SCBID Weed School 12/12, Moses Lake

Voucher #'s 17-141 through 17-157 signed in the amount of \$10,010.08
October payroll \$25,904.00

****Next meeting Monday December 18, 2017 1pm with staff presentations tentatively set to begin at 11:00 a.m.**

The 2018 Weed List Hearing will be held during the January 2018 Board meeting. A preliminary weed list will be presented at the December Board meeting.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:55 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for November 20, 2017

Maw D. Grassl
Chairman

12-18-2017
Date

Joell S. [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

12-18-17
Date