

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday December 18, 2017 11:00 AM

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

Presentations were given by staff to Board Members at 11:05 am, reflecting on 2017. Todd, Luis, Holly, Betsy, and Marcus- each gave a PowerPoint sharing accomplishments in 2017, future plans for 2018. Presentations were well received with short discussion following the presentations. Lunch break from 12:35-2:00 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Bill Middleton, Martin Pierret and Paul Herrman, and guest Tim Waters, WSU. 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 November 20, 2017 were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – SEWA CWMA, 11/16/17 Dayton; SCBID Weed School 12/12, Moses Lake

NEW BUSINESS

County Road – Todd reported the remaining 2017 roadside budget had been expensed on chemical for 2018 work. We have received payment in the amount of \$82,686.76 for the chemical purchased. The chemical will be held at Wilbur Ellis until spring delivery.

FCWB- Todd circulated 5 quotes for a flatbed to equip the 2007 Ford X-Cab 4x4 for Board review. Todd explained his thoughts on opting for an aluminum bed to keep the rig as light as possible so as to not overload it. Discussion on skid removal from the bed and purchase of toolboxes followed. There was a motion to accept a bid between \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a flatbed and toolboxes by Terry Utecht with a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed. Todd shared information on the aerial application performed in November along the Snake River to clean up range and out-ground infested with yellow starthistle; 230 acres were treated. We have received payments totaling \$4,363.29 for the application and chemical reimbursal. Todd reported FCWB staff had performed a ground application targeting yellow starthistle and Scotch thistle on approximately 50 acres off Elm Road.

Todd provided an update on the advertising of the Cost Share Program. Todd explained the sign board was being moved around to different locations in Kahlotus and Connell. KONA News Radio will visit the office to conduct an interview to be aired as a Public Service Announcement. The Board of Directors' inquired about the interest in the program thus far. Todd reported we have received at least half a dozen phone calls so far from interested landowners.

Betsy provided a first look at the 2018 Weed List. Betsy informed the Board of six additions to WA States' 2018 Weed List and reviewed the noxious weeds that the state requires Franklin County to include on their list.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events –Helena Meeting 1/4/18, Kennewick Red Lion; Ag Expo 1/9/18-1/10/18, TRAC; Grant County Noxious Weed Conference 1/10/18, Big Bend Community College, Moses Lake; Basin Agro 1/16/18, Connell; Wilbur Ellis Meeting 1/23/18, Pasco; Columbia County Wheat Grower Meeting 1/25/18

Vouchers #'s 17-158 to 17-175 signed in the amount of \$98,276.10
Payroll November \$25,711.00

Marcus Vacation 12/21/17-12/28/17, Holly Vacation 12/21/17-12/28/17, Betsy Vacation 12/27/17-12/28/17, Luis Vacation 1/8/18-1/19/18, Todd Vacation 1/8/18-1/12/18

****Next meeting January 16, 2018 1pm (2018 Weed List Hearing)**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:05 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for December 18, 2017

Maw D. Grassl

Chairman

1-16-18

Date

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Clerk of the Board

1-16-18

Date