

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday December 19, 2016 Presentations 11:00 AM

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

Presentations were given by staff to Board Members at 11:10 a.m., reflecting on 2016. Betsy, Marcus, and Todd –each gave a PowerPoint presenting accomplishments in 2016 and plans for 2017. Presentations were well received with discussion following each presentation. Lunch break from 12:15-1:35.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Bill Middleton, Paul Herrman, and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; and Marc Miller, Inspector. Review and approve minutes from November 14, 2016 meeting. Motion to approve minutes from Terry Utecht with a second from Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the November Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2015-2016 and Budget update
Meetings & Events attended – WSU Urban IPM & Pesticide Safety Education, Dec 12/5 TRAC; SCBID Weed School 12/13 Moses Lake. Todd explained the hands on calibration exercise at the SCBID event.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Budget- Todd reported the 2017 budget resolution had been signed by the Commissioners and Weed Board copy received.

WA State Parks – Payment in the amount of \$3,130.00 has been received for fall 2016 work. Todd explained the payment goes against the additional \$30,000.00 added as an amendment to the original contract.

County Road – Todd reported on the fall residual application, explaining roadwork delayed the anticipated start date. Weather halted the dryland application with a total of 321 miles completed. When resumed in 2017 the remaining 300 miles of dryland will need to be completed as well as 1000 miles sensitive residual. Payment in the amount of \$45,230.16 has been received for reimbursement of chemicals purchased for dryland residual application. Public Works has been invoiced in the amount of \$6,420.00 for 2016 fall application. Franklin County Public Works instructed FCWB to expense any remaining 2016 budget on chemical for 2017. Public Works has been invoiced in the amount of \$44,327.48 for 2017 product.

D.O.T. – We have been informed that additional 18' spray band was performed on Hwy 395 north and southbound shoulders from Mesa to Connell. A portion of the median in this area has also been sprayed with an 18' swath on northbound side.

M.D.G.

FCWB- Todd reported staff will be working on the set up of the new John Deere Gator (Gator 2) over the winter to have ready for spring work. Materials for the project have been purchased. Todd shared pictures of trailer to haul both the 4 wheeler and Gator. The trailer will be customized for FCWB needs. Discussion on customization followed.

Motion authorizing Coordinator, Todd Harris to price and purchase a new trailer by Bill Middleton with a second from Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Todd reported the office upgrades had been completed. Expenses of the project were reported.

2017 Weed List hearing set for Tuesday January 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

2017 Grower Meeting – Potential topics and possible presenters were discussed. The Grower meeting will be revisited at the next Board meeting for future discussion on relevant topics, time and place of meeting.

2017 Salary Proposal – Todd presented a proposal for 2017 staff salaries reporting his proposal aligned with the county's decision of a 2% COLA increase. The performance incentive program was reviewed followed by a brief discussion. Todd emphasized Marcus' accomplishments at the Weed Board and his role in assisting with training of new employees in the decision to promote Marcus to Lead Inspector.

Motion from Bill Middleton to promote Marc Miller to the position of Lead Inspector and accept 2017 salaries as presented with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Ag Show 1/3-1/4 Pasco; Helena Meeting 1/5, Kennewick; Grant Co Weed Conference 1/11 Moses Lake; Basin Agro 1/12, Connell; Wilbur-Ellis 1/24 Kennewick; Columbia Co Wheat Grower meeting 1/26

Vacations Holly Dec 19-23, Luis Dec 19-30, Marcus Dec 26-30, Todd Dec 21-Dec 30

Vouchers 16-140 through 16-155 signed in the amount of \$58,397.58

November payroll \$25,108.00

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:08 p.m.

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Board of Directors' proceedings for December 19, 2016

Mark D. Grassl
Chairman

Jan. 17, 2017
Date

Joel B. ...
Clerk of the Board

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Date