

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday December 21, 2015

Presentation Meeting 11:00 AM

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

Presentations were given to the Board by staff members at 11:00 am reflecting on 2015. Steven, Betsy and Todd-each gave a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting accomplishments in 2015 and plans for 2016. Presentations were well received with a short discussion following each presentation. Lunch break from 12:20 p.m. -1:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Paul Herrman, Terry Utecht, and Bill Middleton. Guests included Carlee Nave, FC Human Resources Director; Vic Reeve, BC Weed Board Coordinator; Tom Wilson, FC Pest Board Coordinator; and Marcus Miller, Conservation District. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; and Steven Moreno, Inspector. Minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Beach with a second from Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the November Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2014-2015 and budget update.

Meetings & Events attended – SCBID Weed School 12-9, all staff; Betsy gave presentation on noxious weed i.d. and biology. Todd reported the presentation was well received. Staff answered questions following Betsy's presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

County Status – Carlee explained the recent finding via legal review determining Weed Board staff as County employees, entitled to County benefits and participation in Franklin County's benefit plans effective January 1, 2016. Discussion on representation by Franklin County's legal department, liability, and the impact the determination will have on the budget followed.

County Rd – Todd reported the dryland residual application had been completed for a total of 620 miles. Payment for the work and chemical reimbursement has been received in the amount of \$80,182.09. Craig Erdman, Public Works Engineer; approved the purchase of chemical for 2016 work to consume the remaining 2015 budget. Product has been ordered and PW's has been invoiced in the amount of \$57, 331.72. Craig informs us his staff is working on the 2016 Interlocal Agreement. A 2002 Freightliner flatbed and 3,750 gallon tank have been purchased for the roadside spray program. The new truck will be set up for water delivery. The 1987 International will be surplus. Residual work in the sensitive area will resume in the spring of 2016.

FCWB – Todd informed the Directors that the Weed Board is eligible to purchase new pickups on the state bid. The Board reviewed Todd's selections from 3 local and 3 online bids. Prices, quotes for add-ons and functionality of pickup styles were discussed. Motion by Bill Middleton for Coordinator to select and purchase a new pickup in 2016 at the best possible price with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

WA State Parks – We have received payment in the amount of \$1,232.00 for completion of 2015 noxious weed work on trail.

BPA – Todd spoke with Craig Fackrell, BPA Tri-cities district liaison about a contract. Craig informed us the contract will be renewed. For now there is a verbal agreement but the contract is not in hand yet. We expect to see a contract soon.

Board Action – Betsy reviewed salary and health plan contribution changes for 2016. There was a brief discussion followed by a motion from Paul Herrman to accept salaries and the County's health insurance for 2016 as presented, with a second by Dave Beach. Motion passed.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Ag Show 1/5-1/6 Pasco; Basin Agro 1/7 Connell; Helena Chemical 1/7; Grant County Weed Conference 1/13 Moses Lake, all; CWMA & iPhone Training 1/14 Pasco, all; Wilbur-Ellis Training 1/26 Richland

Weed List Hearing – Tuesday January 19, 2016 1:00 pm. at Board Meeting

Vouchers 15-112 through 15-126 signed in the amount of \$90,145.83

Payroll November... \$13,581.61

Marv Grassl announced the Board was going into executive session at 3:21 p.m. for the following personnel matter: employee performance review.

Executive session ended at 3:35 p.m.

The Board requested information on performance incentives for staff via Human Resource Department.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 3:40 p.m.

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Board of Directors' proceedings for December 21, 2015

Mark D. Grassl
Chairman

1-19-16
Date

Scott S. Allen
Clerk of the Board

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