

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday February 19, 2019 1:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:00 pm. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman and Martin Pierret. Guests included Commissioner, Clint Didier; Dan Voss, Voss Farms LLC and James Ferguson. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc Miller, Lead Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector and Wes Smalling, Field Inspector. Minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Jan Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2018-2019 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Wilbur Ellis Professional Markets Seminar 1/22 Richland; Columbia County Grower 1/24 Dayton; WDFW Advisory Committee Meeting 2/7 Prosser; CPR/First Aid Class 2/12 Pasco

NEW BUSINESS

Roadside Spray Program – Todd reported chemicals for residual work are being delivered to Public Works yard. Some of the products will be added to the on-hand inventory and used in residual work to deplete the existing stockpile. PW's crews have been spotted grading roads. Discussion on impact February weather may have on application followed.

Cost Share Program – Todd shared information on acres signed up for the 2019 cost share program. The total number of acres signed up is 3981. Based on the number of acres signed up and the amount in the cost share program the cost share payment will be \$9.29/acre. Todd and Betsy reported landowners on the west side of the county have also signed up to participate. Staff expressed their satisfaction that the program has interested landowners outside of the original targeted landowners with acreage along the Snake River. Discussion on the price of Chaparral herbicide followed.

State Parks – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$3,146.49 had been received for an aerial application along the Snake River.

WDFW- Todd and Betsy shared information about the meeting of the Wildlife Management Area Advisory Committee. Betsy reported several agricultural contracts are up for renewal and WDFW is looking for suggestions or recommendations on improvements or enhancements to those contracts. Todd explained a recommendation will be made by FCWB before close of the public comment period on Feb. 28th.

FCWB –

The guys have been busy at the shop preparing the 2019 Ford F-250 for field work and will continue to set it up as time permits. Wes gave a demonstration of the redesigned website. The original 5 year contract was up for renewal and no longer secure. The new website is secure and much easier to navigate. Wes did a great job on the design and staff is eager to display the new site at the Home and Garden Show and inform the public about it. Betsy circulated a draft of the spring newsletter.

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Betsy explained staff was considering giving the newsletter a name and would have it ready for distribution at the Home and Garden Show. Todd reported the 2019 Grower Meeting was scheduled for Feb 28th at the Kahlotus Grange. At this time we are still waiting on pesticide credit evaluation. The truck with the sign board is parked in Kahlotus to advertise the meeting. Todd reported Bill Middleton has informed him he will not seek another term as Area 1 Director. Dan Voss attended the Board meeting today to consider seeking appointment to the position.

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Regional Home & Garden Show TRAC, 2/22-2/24; SE WA CWMA, 2/25 FCWB Office; Grower Meeting Kahlotus Grange 2/28, WA State Weed Coordinator’s Conference Wenatchee 3/13-3/15

Voucher numbers 19-020 through 19-034 signed in the amount of \$9,408.00

January payroll \$28,023.62

Betsy will be on vacation 3/1-3/15

Next Board Meeting Monday 3/18/19 @ 7:00 pm (Note time change)

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:00pm

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for February 19, 2019

Mark D. Grassl
Chairman

3-18-2019
Date

Todd S. Ha
Clerk of the Board

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