

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday March 18, 2019 7:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Also in attendance was guest, Commissioner Clint Didier. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Luis Esquivel, Field Inspector and Wes Smalling, Field Inspector.

Minutes from the from Feb 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Terry Utecht and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Regional Home & Garden Show TRAC, 2/22-2/24; Todd reported the 2019 Home and Garden Show was visited by a smaller crowd, possibly because of the snow, however overall attendance was decent and a good opportunity to interact with the public. SEWA CWMA, 2/25 FCWB Office; FCNWCB hosted the Southeastern Cooperative Weed Management Area meeting. The meeting was attended by 5 of the 8 counties. Grower Meeting, Kahlotus Grange 2/28; The Grower Meeting in Kahlotus was a success. Positive feedback has been received. WA State Weed Coordinators Conference, Chelan 3/13-3/15; Several FCNWCB staff attended the conference. Todd stated one of the highlights was that BLM informed Coordinators that the agency approved Aminopyralid for use on improved management areas.

NEW BUSINESS

BLM- Todd reported BLM has approved Milestone and Opensight (Aminopyralid) for their improved management areas. Debbie Plummer; BLM representative informed Todd that FCNWCB will receive an additional \$5, 000.00 for work at Juniper Dunes. Discussion on future funding and what project areas would be sprayed followed. Todd reviewed some history of the project, including a description of past survey work.

Roadside Spray Program – Todd reported that chemicals are purchased for roadside work but it may be up to a couple weeks or so before spraying begins. We are waiting for the go-ahead from Public Works which has some southern roads pulled but not much done in northern part of the county and Todd added he was unsure if PW would complete that work. There are also still some minor repairs to complete on spray trucks and we should wait for warmer weather. Public Works will be billed in the amount of \$33,718.88 for chemicals that have been purchased by FCNWCB for roadside work. Discussion on "Owner Will Maintain Agreement" followed. Commissioner Didier commented that more public relations might help get the word out and suggested FCNWCB considers announcing the program in the FC Graphic. The Board expressed interest in how much road pulling public works crews will be able to complete to allow FCWB to complete the residual application this spring.

Cost Share Program – All acres and the cost share are set; landowners have been notified. We are expecting spring applications to start as soon as the weather warms.

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State Parks – We will plan on doing some work on the CP Trail and at Sacajawea Park around road spraying and Bonneville Power Administration work.

WDFW- Betsy and Todd submitted suggestions to the Wildlife Management Area Advisory Committee during the public comment period for what might benefit their program to increase their lands' value and revenue potential, and to better control noxious weeds.

FCWB –

Todd reported Marv and Terry are on an upcoming consent agenda to be reappointed to the Board of Directors. Commissioner Didier expressed his support. The new 2019 Ford F-250 has been equipped for field work and is ready for the spray season. Maintenance and upgrades to the gators and ATV are almost complete, only minor work remains. The spray trucks need only minor repairs from normal wear and tear. Some spray hoses and batteries were replaced. Webmaster, Wes has completed the redesign of the website. It is up and running. The spring newsletter was released and is posted on the website. Todd expressed his approval that all the speakers were able to make it to the Kahlotus Grower meeting and that each one had presented well. The Director 1 vacancy is being considered by Dan Voss, Voss Farms of Pasco LLC. Dan was out of town and could not attend the meeting. Dan has not vocalized his intent to seek nomination yet but has expressed an interest.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Farm Fair BF Fairgrounds, 3/28-3/29; Flowering Rush work group 3/27 Boardman, Oregon

Vouchers 19-035 through 19-052 signed in the amount of \$37,543.23.

Payroll February...\$27,431.00

Next Board Meeting Monday 4/15/19 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:48 pm.

These are the Board of Director Proceedings' for March 18, 2019

Maw D. Grassl
Chairman

April 15, 2019
Date

Jodi B. Han
Clerk of the Board

April 15, 2019
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