

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 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, Paul Herrman and Martin Pierret. Also present was guest, Dan Voss, Voss Farms of Pasco, LLC. Minutes from the Mar 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Terry Utecht and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

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

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – Farm Fair BF Fairgrounds, 3/28-3/29; Betsy reported the kids were very attentive during the presentations. Her Scotch thistle costume was a hit. Flowering Rush work group 3/27 Boardman, Oregon-unable to attend

### NEW BUSINESS

**Roadside Spray Program** – Todd provided an update on roadside spring residual work. A payment in the amount of \$33,718.88 has been received for reimbursement of chemicals purchased for the residual task. Despite being down a big spray truck and minor electrical problems in Spray truck 4 we have managed to complete approximately 650 shoulder miles. We have completed district 1 & 2 and are working into District 4. Work will continue in the irrigated area. County portions of Burns/Dent/Kohler/Rd 68 have also been sprayed as well as the walk path in Basin City, the Connell shop and Camps Gravel Pit. The roadside mix was used for these areas and labor will be billed. Todd expanded on the problems with the big spray trucks. SP2 had an issue with coolant in the engine. The source of the problem appears to be in the back cylinder. SP2 has been taken to Woodpecker in Pendleton to install a re-manufactured engine. The estimate for repairs is between \$15,000-\$18,000 taking 4 days to complete. SP4 is having minor electrical problems.

**State Parks** – Marcus has spent some time on the developed portion of the Columbia Plateau Trail to check how things are looking. We have received the go-ahead from Andrew Fielding, State Parks liaison to complete the sterilant application from Ice Harbor to Snake River Junction. The sterilant application will take place after roadside work is completed. Todd was informed WA State Parks will host an 11 mile run on the developed portion of the trail later this month.

**Kahlotus Tower**- Marcus and Betsy sprayed the access road and Kahlotus cell tower for FC Information Services. Information Services has been billed in the amount of \$279.80 for labor and chemical reimbursement.

**BPA** – Todd reported some work has begun on the BPA. Marcus and Betsy have treated a portion of the Ice Harbor line. Luis and Wes surveyed the Ruby line and have made maps of problem areas to return to for treating noxious weeds.

**BLM**- We are waiting to receive our contract to begin work in Juniper Dunes. Todd explained the plan to build on the previous year's work with the additional \$5,000.00 received from the joint WSDA and BLM grant. There was a review of the acreage sprayed in 2018. Discussion on the amount of acreage that would get sprayed in 2019 followed. FCWB plans to spray 140 acres adjacent to the 100 acres sprayed last year.

**City of Pasco/BC & FC Weed Boards** – Betsy and Todd met with Dan Dotta, City of Pasco Facilities Manager, Vic Reeve and Holly Kress, BCWB to discuss the annual training for pesticide credits. Discussion topics, date, venue and potential presenters were tossed around. More information will be provided at the May Board meeting.

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**2019 Cost Share-** Todd reported that 225 lbs of Chaparral had been ordered by FCWB for participating landowners making spring applications. Chemical will be delivered to FCWB office and then delivered to aerial applicators. Discussion on rangeland areas and hunt clubs that are slated for spring applications followed.

**FCWB –**

The Commissioners have reappointed Directors Marv Grassl and Terry Utecht to a 4 year term expiring Mar. 1, 2023. Staff expressed gratitude that Marv and Terry are willing to serve another 4 years. Dan Voss announced he will seek nomination to FCWB as the area 1 Director. Betsy explained the nomination process. Dan was given a Director packet to complete. The Board of Directors and staff expressed gratitude that Dan is willing to serve. The guys continue to do minor maintenance and repairs on other vehicles. There was discussion on the possibility of getting a credit card for FCWB. Betsy will research and have more details at the May Board meeting.

Todd reported it was time to surplus the last of the old green pickups. He also informed the Board there are miscellaneous, unneeded parts in storage.

**There was a motion by Paul Herrman to surplus the 1998 Dodge Ram 4x4 (VIN # 1B7HF16Y6WS654549) and unneeded inventory in any auction with a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.**

**Upcoming Meetings & Events –** Annual Report Filing Training 5/1, Richland, Betsy

Vouchers numbers 19-053 through 19-067 signed in the amount of \$5,275.16  
March Payroll...\$27,829.

Next Board Meeting Monday 5/20/19 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further discussion meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:55 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for April 15, 2019

Maw P. Grasse  
Chairman

May 20, 2019  
Date

Todd S. Gamm  
Clerk of the Board

May 20, 2019  
Date