

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday April 19, 2021 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members attending in person were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Board Member Paul Herrman attended telephonically. Staff attending in person were Todd Harris; Program Coordinator and Betsy Crysel; Office Manager. Staff attending by telephone were Marc Miller; Lead Inspector and Luis Esquivel; Inspector. Guest Vic Reeve, retired (Benton County Weed Board) attended in person. Minutes from the March 15, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Terry Utecht and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the March Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2020-2021 and Budget update
Upcoming Meetings & Events – None

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Cost Share – Todd reported approximately 3740 acres have been sprayed under the cost share program this spring, noting that several landowners decided to spray early. Marv mentioned an inquiry from a landowner had been received about spraying acreage on the Adam's County side. Discussion followed. FCWB will follow up by contacting Eric Bell, Adam's County Weed Board Coordinator to inquire whether a cost share program exists in Adam's County for interested landowners.

FC Roadside – Todd provided an update on the progress of roadside spraying with 1642 acres completed. The remaining 20 acres will be sprayed on the first favorable weather day. Todd mentioned once the roadside spraying is done, staff will spray block walls and gravel pits using the gators. Public Works has requested invoicing for roadside work is done in increments. Two invoices for chemical have been sent to Public Works. Craig Erdman, County Engineer informs us the larger of the two invoices has been sent to the Commissioners for payment. The other chemical bill should be put through next month followed by the application fee.

Capital Assets – The new John Deere Gator is ready for field work. A few modifications were made to keep brush from hanging up on the unit. A skid plate was added to the bottom of the gator. Todd pointed out that the shape and style of the new gator is much different than the other two gators. The gator was brought to the meeting for the Board to view.

State Parks – A contract has been received to cover noxious weed work under the current fiscal year which runs through June of 2021. State Parks informs us that a second contract is in the works. The contract will be a biennium contract covering July 2021 through June 2023. We hope to see the contract soon.

M.D.G.

BLM – A contract has been received to continue work in the Juniper Dunes area. We will be able to spray another 140 acres of the section we have been working on for the past few years. Todd mentioned the plan is to accomplish the task soon, time permitting, but the work could be postponed until the fall as this contract runs through the end of 2021.

2314 – We received notification from Barajas Auto Body that parts had come in to repair Marcus' truck so it has been dropped for repairs. The repair work will come out of the Pest Board's budget.

Board Of Directors – Marv mentioned his timeline for moving to Connell. RCW 17.10 was reviewed as well as comment from Mary Fee, WA State Noxious Weed Control Board; Executive Secretary. Discussion followed.

Guest Vic Reeve was given an opportunity to comment at the end of the meeting. Vic acknowledged the work being done by FCWB and the program's growth.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – None

Voucher #'s 21-044 through 21-065 signed in the amount of \$173,478.28

March payroll \$22,514.00

Next Board Meeting Monday 5/17/2021 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:45 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for April 19, 2021

Maw D. Grussel
Chairman

May 17, 2021
Date

Scott S. G...
Clerk of the Board

May 17, 2021
Date

