

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Thursday August 11, 2022 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Terry Utecht; Vice Chair, Martin Pierret and Dan Voss. Staff included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Luis Esquivel; Lead Inspector, Sabrina Gilley; Inspector and guest Vic Reeve, retired. Minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2021-2022 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Tree-of-heaven workshop 7/23/22; There was a decent turnout for the tree-of-heaven workshop. Todd explained most of the participants had tree-of-heaven on their properties and were looking for control guidance. Also attending was the local entomologist from WSDA, Josh Milnes. Josh gave a talk on spotted lanternfly and took several pictures to support funding efforts. Todd explained WSDA's intention is demonstrating to the legislative body the need for continued funding.

NEW BUSINESS

FC Roadside Spray Program – Todd provided an update on roadside work. The contact work is complete and Betsy will bill Public Works for approximately \$3000.00. Luis sprayed roadsides from the One Ton while providing training to Sabrina. Betsy had done a bit of spraying from her pickup. Todd is in the process of contacting herbicide distributors to get recommendations ideas on roadside mixes. Discussion followed on Jerry Ellis' exit from Wilbur Ellis and what it means going forward in choosing a new representative. Todd will be contacting Public Works soon to discuss the roadside budget.

WSDA – Todd reported staff are continuing to survey for tree-of-heaven when time permits.

BLM – An inquiry was made to Greg Haubrich; WSDA Pest Program Manager as to the status of the contracts covering fall 2022 and spring 2023 work and the additional 25-30 acres. Todd explained we will treat 140 acres, continuing the work we have been doing for the past several years, in addition to 25-30 acres located on the east side of the dunes.

State Weed Board – Mary Fee, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board; Executive Secretary, informs us we should receive the contract for the Dalmatian toadflax eradication program by the end of August. Discussion followed on where treatments will take place. Todd reviewed areas with known infestations and mentioned staff would do more scouting for Dalmatian toadflax around the county. The timeframe for treatment will be early October.

Noxious Weed concerns – Todd reported meetings were being set up with certain municipalities to provide education on noxious weeds and control methods. Meetings are tentatively set for August and September. The City of Pasco Code Enforcement Department will meet in Pasco in September for training. Cade Scott, City of Mesa, has agreed to attend a meeting in August. We are currently contacting other municipalities to invite them to one of the training events. Discussion on increased

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involvement in the cities, attendance at city council meetings, education and application training followed. Todd mentioned letters have been sent out to certain landowners asking them to mow until such time they can spray. The article about noxious weeds in the Tri City Herald and the article written by Marv Grassl in the FC Graphic were shared. Betsy mentioned a Weed Warrior plaque had been ordered for Dean Thompson. Vic Reeve acknowledged the fight against noxious weeds is ongoing and the same battles are still being fought.

Voucher numbers 22-091 through 22-106 signed in the amount of \$7,174.30.

July payroll in the amount of \$23,517.00

Upcoming meetings and events – BF Fair and Rodeo August 23-27th; the theme for the fair this year is timing of applications.

Next Board Meeting Thursday 9/8/2022 @ 7:00 pm, Todd will present a preliminary look at the 2023 budget.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:55 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for August 11, 2022

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Chairman

10-13-2022
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Scott B. Ha
Clerk of the Board

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