

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday January 18, 2022 1:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:00 p.m. Board Members present were Paul Herrman, Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Marc Miller, Lead Inspector. Minutes from the December 20, 2021 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** – Wilbur Ellis Training 1/11/22

### NEW BUSINESS

Regular Board meeting was recessed at 1:02 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl.

**2022 Franklin County Noxious Weed List Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:02p.m.**

Ernesto Gomez, City of Pasco Code Enforcement attended by phone.

Betsy shared information on species that have been added as B designate noxious weeds by the state; hanging sedge (*Carex pendula*), rough chervil (*Chaerophyllum temulum*) and wild basil (*Clinopodium vulgare*). Betsy explained the weeds are typically found in higher moisture regions and are present on the west side of the state. The decision by the State Weed Board to add them as B designate noxious weeds is based on the fact that they are not currently known to exist on the east side of the state. Ernesto Gomez shared his departments support for placing tree-of-heaven on the county's noxious weed list. Betsy read public comment provided by Ernesto and supervisor Rosanna Johnson, detailing problems created by tree-of-heaven's presence in the city. Tree-of-heaven has led to unexpected costs to homeowners and the city for structural damage and abatement. Discussion on the city's existing course of action to control tree-of-heaven followed. There was a motion by Paul Herrman to accept the weed list as presented including the addition of tree-of-heaven as a Class C noxious weed with a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

**The 2022 Weed List Hearing was closed by Marv Grassl at 1:20pm.**

Regular Board Meeting resumed at 1:20 p.m.

**FC Roadside** – Todd provided an update on the 2022 roadside plan. Craig Erdman, County Engineer informs us the budget for the year is \$180,000. Todd explained that due to the increase in chemical costs we will not be able to spray every road. This means some of the roads in the irrigated area will not get a residual application. Todd stated the majority of roads north of Hwy 260 have been sprayed. We will begin spraying the irrigated area at our first opportunity. Discussion on landowner concerns arising from untreated roads followed.

**BPA** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$11,078.77 has been received.

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**Cost Share** – Todd provided an update on the 2022 Cost Share Program reporting 5000 acres had been signed up. Todd explained not all the funds in the 2021 program had been consumed and recommended the excess be added to the 2022 program. There was a motion by Martin Pierret to carry forward \$2,108.27 to the 2022 cost share program for a total of \$42, 108.27 with a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed. *(There is an error in the dollar amount. This will be corrected in the February meeting).*

**Board Meetings** – There was discussion on moving Board meetings to a different time frame of the month. Todd inquired of the possibility of holding meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month to avoid late fees on the credit card and rescheduling due to holidays. Discussion on Board Member availability and financial statements needed for reports followed. The discussion was tabled to allow time to inquire about availability of financial reports and to give Director, Terry Utecht an opportunity to provide input.

**Other activities** – Todd explained staff was replacing the floor in the storage room. Hiring of a new employee was also discussed.

Voucher #'s 22-001 through 22-007 signed in the amount of \$15,112.36

December 2021 payroll \$21,901.00

Next Board Meeting Tuesday 2/22/2022 @ 1:00 pm (Monday Holiday)

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:55 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for January 18, 2022

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Chairman

Feb. 22, 2022

Date

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Clerk of the Board

Feb 22, 2022

Date

