

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday July 15, 2019 7:00 PM

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

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Martin Pierret and Dan Voss. Staff included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Luis Esquivel, Inspector, and Marc Miller; Lead Inspector. Minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Municipal meeting for pesticide credits June 18th, Pasco - 4 WA credits, 4 OR credits. The Municipal Meeting was well received. We received a lot of positive comments on the speakers, topics, and information shared.

NEW BUSINESS

Roadside Spray Program – Todd reported contact work was nearly completed. The decision on which roads were sprayed was determined after conversation with the road crew bosses and other problems areas we thought needed attention. Staff has been spot spraying primarily targeting skeletonweed. Wes and Luis have logged quite a few hours on skeletonweed work. Marcus and Betsy have also been out spot spraying. The spot spraying will be billed as part of the contact work. A discussion on possible reasons skeletonweed persists on the roadsides followed.

State Parks – Payment has been received in the amount of \$19,124.75 for the sterilant application on the developed portion of the Columbia Plateau Trail (CPT) and other noxious weed work on the right of way. State Parks new fiscal year began July 1st so continuing work should fall under our new inter-local agreement, which we hope to see very soon. Todd explained there are plans to do more kochia work in Sacajawea Park and test a couple techniques on tree-of-heaven. Staff will make foliar applications, basal bark treatments, and use the hack and squirt method.

BPA – We are waiting on payment in the amount of \$11,442.31. Craig Fackrell, BPA liaison informs us we should see payment by the end of July.

BLM- Todd reported payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 had been received for the Juniper Dunes work.

FCWB –

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners signed Resolution 2019-214 appointing Dan Voss to the Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board, Area One Director position. The Board of Directors and staff expressed their appreciation for Dan's willingness to serve. Welcome Dan, we look forward to your guidance and contributions! Todd has made contact with Tony Feldman; Utility Forester, for Pacific Power & Light to discuss noxious weeds on power lines running through the Juniper Dunes area. Todd reported the line is in need of attention because the right of way is full of yellow starthistle and rush skeletonweed. Tony is researching the lines in Franklin County. Todd is optimistic that FCWB may be able to partner in noxious weed work. Tony will be getting back to us and we will keep the communication going.

M.D.G.

Todd reported the Smith Canyon Area had been looked over thoroughly. The area is infested with yellow starthistle and Scotch thistle. Luis shared a map he created which depicts the areas and degree of infestation. Staff is attempting to make contact with landowners in the area to devise a plan to begin control. Discussion on ways FCWB can assist in containing the infestation followed. Todd suggested FCWB spray the perimeter to create a boundary and provide a buffer for neighboring properties. A fall aerial application was also discussed. Todd will try to contact a couple of the key players to see if we can get voluntary cooperation.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – No scheduled events in July.

Vouchers #'s 19-098 through 19-110 signed in the amount of \$7,867.09

June payroll...\$27,879.00

Marcus will be on vacation from 7/23 through 7/29

Next Board Meeting Monday 8/19/19 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8 p.m.

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

Maw D. Grassl

Chairman

8-19-2019

Date

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Clerk of the Board

8-19-19

Date