

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Thursday July 14, 2022 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Terry Utecht, Vice Chair, Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Luis Esquivel, Lead Inspector and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the June 9, 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 – State Weed Board Meeting via WebEx 7-14-22

NEW BUSINESS

BPA – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$11,999.98 had been received for 2022 work.

WSDA – Payment has been received in the amount of \$4,500.00 for tree-of-heaven surveying completed through 6-30-22. The amended agreement for an additional \$7,000.00 of funding to continue tree-of-heaven surveying has been received for work to be completed by 12-31-22.

State Parks – Payment in the amount of \$16,760.45 received from State Parks for work completed through 6-30-22. Todd mentioned kochia in Sacajawea Park is being replaced by grasses. FCWB staff will do more work this fall at the parks.

BLM – Todd reported the ongoing work in Juniper Dunes has been approved. We are waiting to receive the contract to begin work this fall. The contract also covers work scheduled for spring of 2023. Debbie Plummer, Natural Resource Specialist, contacted us about spraying an additional 80 acres adjacent to a private landowner. The acreage has an infestation of Scotch thistle. The tenant has agreed to mow for now. FCWB will spray the acreage in the fall.

State Weed Board – The proposal to treat Dalmatian toadflax under the state's eradication program was approved during the State Weed Board WebEx meeting. FCWB will receive \$3,000.00 in funding. Casey Hill; South Columbia Basin Irrigation District Agronomist will provide an in-kind match of chemical and labor. The match is undetermined at this time. Control work will take place in October on Bureau of Reclamation ground in the Smith Canyon area. There are also a half dozen scattered locations around the county that will be treated. A discussion on where Dalmatian toadflax grows followed. Kevin Hupp, Lincoln County Coordinator announced during the meeting that he has accepted an offer to take over Jerry Ellis' former position with Wilbur Ellis.

Honda – Todd reported the Honda Passport had sold on 6/14/2022 at Musser Auction for \$4,100.00. After fees, FCWB received \$3,850.00. Todd mentioned the amount seemed reasonable for the miles.

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Bayer – We have been informed that Jerry Ellis, formerly of Wilbur Ellis has accepted a position with Bayer. Jerry has replaced Kent Pittard, who retired. Todd shared information about a Rejuvra program offered by Bayer. Discussion on the efficacy of Rejuvra followed. Todd explained Rejuvra and Esplanade work on annual grasses as they establish, keeping seeds from germinating. Jerry visited recently and he and Todd drove some of the county roads, noting there were a few roads with some breakthrough.

Noxious Weed spraying/concerns – Todd provided an update on areas of concern and weeds targeted. Staff has been spraying yellow starthistle, kochia, rush skeletonweed and Scotch thistle this past month. Luis has been out in the One Ton making contact applications on roadsides. He has sprayed Klamath, Blanton and Overturf. Betsy reported there had been contact from the Tri-City Herald about publishing an article on noxious weeds in Benton and Franklin Counties. A draft of the article had been sent to both counties for review. The article should come out in the next few days.

Vouchers 22-081 through 22-090 signed in the amount of in the amount of \$4073.62

June payroll \$23,545.00

Upcoming meetings and events – Tree-of-heaven demo Sacajawea Park 7-23-22

Next Board Meeting Thursday 8/11/2022 @ 7:00 pm

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 July 14, 2022

Maw D. Grassl
Chairman

Aug 11, 2022
Date

Todd J. Ha
Clerk of the Board

August 11, 2022
Date

