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## **FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD**

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### **Minutes** **Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting** **Monday July 8, 2024** **7:00 PM**

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin Pierret at 7:05 pm. Board Members present were Jake DeRuwe and Vice Chair, Dan Voss. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion from Jake DeRuwe and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2023-2024 and Budget update  
**Meetings & Events** – None since last Board Meeting

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**State Parks** – Todd reported State Parks had been billed in the amount of \$32,595.81 for work on the CPT and some kochia work in Sacajawea Park. We expect to see payment soon.

**BPA** – Payment in the amount of \$13,200.00 has been received for the distribution lines. A smaller payment of \$1,851.44 for post construction treatment on the Benton Scooteney line and spraying kochia in the materials staging yard has also been received.

**WSDA** – Todd provided an update on the Scotch thistle project in Connell. The project was successfully completed by Aerial VM with FCWB staff assisting. Aerial VM made the application by drone, primarily flying the unit manually due to the topography. Todd noted there was not as much chemical used as originally anticipated. WSDA will be billed in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the work.

Todd reported the tree-of-heaven project had been completed. Staff re-treated all of the sites under the 2023-2024 contract which included the Pasco Boat Marina, Bureau of Reclamation ground in Mesa and Windust. Aerial VM treated the Snake River Junction site with their drone. WSDA will be billed approximately \$6,900.00 for the work.

The State Weed Board has a funding opportunity for an eradication project. We have submitted a contract for Dalmatian toadflax.

**FCWB Activities** – Staff have been surveying and responding to landowner concerns over noxious weeds. Scotch thistle, rusk skeletonweed, yellow starthistle and kochia are present in abundance on public and private land.

Discussion on becoming more assertive with landowners followed. We will be contacting agencies and private land owners about noxious weeds on their property. Nuisance weeds were also discussed, followed by discussion on herbicides and timing to control weeds. Todd noted that he is seeing kochia in the spray zone on the roadsides that is stunted and yellowing, apparently still taking up Frequency herbicide.

Voucher numbers 24-064 through 24-070 signed in the mount of \$9,788.26

June Payroll in the amount of \$20,582.00

**Upcoming Meetings and Events – July 12, 2024 Vegetation Management Committee Meeting, Ellensburg**

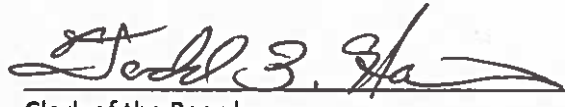
**Next Board Meeting Aug 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

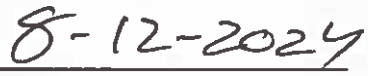
There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martin Pierret at 7:45 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for July 8, 2024

  
Chairman

  
Date

  
Clerk of the Board

  
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