

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday July 10, 2023 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Martin Pierret. Board Members present were Vice Chair Dan Voss and Paul Herrman. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved as written with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2022-2023 and Budget update

Meetings & Events – None in June

NEW BUSINESS

FC Roadside – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$38,945.47 had been received for the roadside application and balance of chemical.

State Parks – Todd reported payment in the amount of 27,308.55 for work on the Columbia Plateau Trail had been received. We expect to see an agreement for the next biennium in the near future and will follow up with Travis Gabriel, Park Ranger 1.

BPA – Payment in the amount of \$11,999.98 for right of way treatment on lines has been received. Todd explained there will be an additional treatment on the Benton Scootene rebuild. The line runs from the east end of Hendricks Rd to Fir Rd where it crosses at the Columbia River. We were informed there had been a delay in construction because BPA was obtaining right of way access. The additional pre-construction treatment will be made this fall.

BLM – Wendy DesCamps, WSDA Noxious Weed Program Coordinator, informs us the payment of \$2000 for spraying the quarter circle by CSS and the area off of Pederson Rd is processing. We expect to see payment soon.

WSDA – Todd provided an update on the Ravenna grass project. Vouchers for non-invasive replacement plants have been printed for residents who remove Ravenna grass without the assistance of Weed Board staff. Mac's Garden Center and Job's Nursery are participating merchants. One FC resident has already removed Ravenna grass and will be receiving a voucher.

State Weed Board – Todd reported we are still waiting for the Dalmatian toadflax agreement. The State Weed Board is still figuring out how to allocate the funds.

Other Weed Board Activities – Staff have been surveying and spraying kochia on roadsides. Todd explained where we had pulled back on the spray width we are seeing kochia come in, particularly in irrigated areas. Landowners are also being contacted to address noxious weeds. Most are being encouraged to do what they can now and plan for fall spraying. Discussion on spray mixes to control weeds on farm roads followed. Sabrina and Betsy have made some biocontrol releases this month on purple loosestrife, Russian and diffuse knapweed.

Voucher numbers 23-070 through 23-078 signed in the amount of \$7,036.78

June payroll in the amount of \$22,999

Meetings and events – Todd provided an update on the Vegetation Management Committee Meeting. The program is nearly full and there are just a few speaker sheets to gather. Todd mentioned FCWB was able to obtain 3 speakers for the program.

Next Board Meeting August 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

These are the Board of Director proceedings for July 10, 2023

Chairman Martin Perret

Date 9/11/23

Clerk of the Board Todd S. Ha

Date 9-11-2023

