

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Thursday June 9, 2022 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:05 pm. Board Members present were Terry Utecht, 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 May 12, 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 – Sabrina scheduled to test for pesticide license 6-28-22

NEW BUSINESS

Cereal rye spraying – Todd provided an update on spraying for cereal rye. Blanton Road has been sprayed. We have been back to look and it appears we got a good kill. Discussion on other roadside weeds followed. It was noted that the marestail and china lettuce does not seem to be as bad this season on the roadsides.

BPA – Todd reported the funding for treating the right of ways had been consumed and Betsy would be billing for 2022 work. For the first time there had been inquiries for weed free gravel certification from companies bidding on construction projects. Staff surveyed Connell Sand and Gravel and Eagle Rock Quarry. Todd followed up by stating both yards had noxious weeds on the perimeter but looked satisfactorily clean in the pit. Both yards were provided with a weed free gravel certification and advised on where they could improve. The certification is good for 6 months. Todd stated he was comfortable with providing the certification because FCWB is contracted to spray rights of way and access roads so any gravel that might contain seed would be sprayed.

BLM – Todd reported the proposal to continue working in the Juniper Dunes had been approved. We are waiting to receive the contract and will treat rush skeletonweed this fall. We should be able to complete the section we have been working on over the past few years and begin working into the next section. The contract will also include funding to treat rangeland acres in the spring of 2023. The ground is adjacent to a private landowner who has also been working to control noxious weeds. The landowner has committed to continue controlling noxious weeds and will participate in the 2023 cost share program.

Tree of Heaven Survey Funding / WSDA – The first billing for tree-of-heaven surveying is due at the end of June. Staff have been surveying when time permits and will be looking at the cumulative hours. \$4,500.00 will be billed by the end of the month. A map of locations will go out with the billing. Todd and Betsy explained the purpose of the survey is to map infestations with the hope that WSDA can obtain funding for future control work. An amended contract from WSDA with an additional \$7,000.00 is expected soon. The additional funds will be used to continue survey work through December 31, 2022.

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WA State Weed Board Noxious Weed Funding – Todd reported the State Weed Board is offering an opportunity for funding to work on Class A and Class B-designate noxious weeds. Weed Boards that submit projects with landowner or agency participation and matching funds or efforts will receive priority. We will submit a proposal to work on Dalmatian toadflax. Dalmatian toadflax is limited in distribution and we can demonstrate progress in its control and cooperative efforts from the Irrigation District over the past several years. The proposal will be presented via WebEx at the July 14th meeting of the State Weed Board.

State Parks – The fiscal year ends June 30th. We will perform some final noxious weed control at the parks and bill by the end of June.

Honda – Todd reported the Honda has been delivered to Musser Brothers Auction and will be auctioned on 6-14-22.

Voucher numbers 22-070 through 22-080 signed in the amount of \$4,388.60

May payroll...\$23,546.00

Next Board Meeting Thursday 7/14/2022 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:00 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for June 9, 2022

Marv D. Grassl
Chairman

July 14, 2022
Date

Stacy S. He
Clerk of the Board

July 19, 2022
Date

