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# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes  
Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting  
Monday June 10, 2024  
7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin Pierret at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Jake DeRuwe, Chance Trainer and Vice Chair, Dan Voss. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the April 8, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Chance Trainer 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** – Vegetation Management Committee Meeting May 3, 2024, WSDA toured treated tree-of-heaven sites 5/15, USACE Virtual meeting 5/23, Pasco Cleanup Event- Kurtzman Park Neighborhood 6/8

NEW BUSINESS

**FC Roadside** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$154,194.58 had been received for roadside work and chemical reimbursement.

**BLM** – We have received payment in the amount of \$8,500.00 for 200 acres sprayed in the Juniper Dunes area. Todd explained the application was an aerial application performed by Zack Pfister, Pfister's Farm Aviation.

**State Parks** – We have been working on the Columbia Plateau Trail surveying and treating the right of way from Ice Harbor Rd to Windust. An aerial application from Burr Canyon to Couch Landing, approximately 4 miles was made by Pfister's Farm Aviation.

**BPA** – Todd reported 2024 work has been completed on BPA distribution lines. Benton County Weed Board assisted in spraying for one day. BPA has been billed in the amount of \$13,200.00. We expect to see payment soon.

**WSDA** – The Scotch thistle project along the waterway beginning at Moon Road is underway. Kathy Sample, Aerial VM gave us a quote of \$4,200.00 for the drone application. FC Weed Board staff is also assisting in the project, spraying where the drone cannot get. A portion of the work has been completed but there is more to do.

We have been informed by the State Weed Board that another funding opportunity is available.

**Tree-of-heaven** – Todd provided an update on the tree-of-heaven project. There is approximately \$6,900.00 left on the current contract which needs to be consumed by June 30, 2024. Aerial VM will treat Snake River Junction by drone. FC Weed Board will retreat the grove in Levey Park and the Pasco Boat Marina. We have received an additional \$15,000.00 to continue treatment in 2024-2025. We will continue to work in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers on additional treatment sites with the new funds. Todd mentioned the City of Pasco had hoped to get some tree-of-heaven work done on the levee in Pasco but the Corps has not approved levee work at this time.

**FCWB Activities** – Todd reported there has been some spraying of kochia. Todd mentioned he would like to see more kochia work but Scotch thistle needs to be the priority at this time.

**Seasonal Field Inspector** – We were unsuccessful in hiring a seasonal employee. The Board inquired if we could sustain the program with current staff. Todd explained the program could be sustained for now but that there would be consideration of trying to hire again in the July/August timeframe.

**Annual Report** – Betsy provided an explanation on the annual report process, explaining its purpose to account for fiscal responsibility. The report was completed and submitted within the timeline.

Voucher numbers 24-056 through 24-063 signed in the amount of \$10,629.11

April payroll in the amount of \$ 20,743.00

May payroll in the amount of \$20,228.00

**Upcoming Meetings and Events** – None

Next Board Meeting July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

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

These are the Board of Director proceedings for June 10, 2024

Martin Perret  
Chairman

7/8/24  
Date

Joel S. Ha  
Clerk of the Board

7-8-2024  
Date

