

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Thursday March 9, 2023 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 Martin Pierret, Dan Voss and Jake DeRuwe. Staff included Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Guest Chance Trainer, Farmer was also present. Minutes from the February 9, 2023 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 2022-2023 and Budget update

Meetings & Events – John Westerdahl, Alligare Territory Regional Manager 2/9; Home & Garden Show 2/17-2/19

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Appointments – Betsy reported Jake DeRuwe had been appointed by the FC Commissioners as the District 4 Director on February 28, 2023. Welcome Jake, we look forward to your contributions on the Board. Dan Voss was re-appointed the District 1 Director and Marv Grassl was re-appointed the District 5 Director. Discussion on interest from two farmers to take Marv's position on the Board followed. Betsy suggested Board Members consider moving Board meetings to a more convenient day. Discussion on rotating the Chairman and Vice Chairman role followed. Martin commented that he favors a rotation of Chairman and Vice Chairman roles. These items will be revisited when Marv's replacement has been appointed.

BLM – FCWB staff sprayed two small areas that bordered landowners participating in the cost share. One area is off of Pederson Road and the other is located by CSS. There is a bit of touch up yet on the area by CSS. Betsy shared information on a conversation Todd had with Debbie Plummer, Natural Resource Specialist. Todd inquired about the possibility of spraying the section we have been working on in Juniper Dunes with a drone. Debbie informs us drone use is not allowed by any BLM staff or cooperator.

WSDA – Betsy provided an update on the Ravenna grass and Scotch thistle projects. Homeowners with known Ravenna grass on their property are receiving letters offering help in its removal. We have had good response from the letters that have been sent. The Scotch thistle contract has been received in the amount of \$8,000.00. We are in discussion with Kurt Beckley, Altitude Agri Services, LLC about surveying and spraying this project with a drone. Betsy also mentioned we had been contacted by WSDA about submitting a letter of support for grant money to fund tree-of-heaven control. Betsy explained the funds will be a follow up to the survey grant from last year. Discussion on spotted lantern fly and tree of heaven followed.

FC Roadside – Betsy reported that weather was finally cooperating and that roadside spraying had begun. We are currently working in District 6 which is close to being completed.

City of Connell – Approximately 10 acres within the city of Connell were sprayed which consists of the primary corridors.

2023 Cost Share Program – Betsy provided an update on the acres that have been sprayed. Roughly 2000 acres have been sprayed between two landowners. There are three more landowners that plan to spray this spring.

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These are the Board of Director proceedings for March 9, 2023

Maw D. Grass
Chairman

April 13, 2023
Date

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Clerk of the Board

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Date