

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday May 17, 2021 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 Vice Chair Terry Utecht and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Marc Miller, Lead Inspector attended telephonically. Minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Terry Utecht.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the April Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2020-2021 and Budget update

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None

### NEW BUSINESS

**2021 Cost Share** – Todd provided an update on the cost share program. 3848 acres were sprayed this spring. Todd expressed concern over results we will see from spring applications due to dry conditions. A few landowners have shared the same sentiment with Todd. Eric Bell, Adams County Weed Board Coordinator, was contacted to inquire if there has ever been any interest from landowners or consideration by the Adam's County Weed Board to offer a cost share program in Adam's County. Eric stated he would consider bringing up the topic in one of their upcoming Board meetings.

**FC Roadside** – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$138,756.88 had been received for reimbursement of chemical used in the residual work. Discussion on dryland roads followed. It was noted that the new mix used in the dryland is holding out the marestail and roads are clean. Public Works still needs to be billed for the roadside application and gravel yards. Todd mentioned SP4 was having a problem and would be checked out by Kenworth when it could be fit in.

**State Parks** – Andrew Fielding, Resource Steward toured the Columbia Plateau Trail with staff. After touring, the Inter Agency Agreement was amended to include a sterilant from Snake River Junction to Burr Canyon. Staff will make the application at the first opportunity. The sterilant application on the developed portion of trail has been completed. Discussion on targeted weeds, chemical and swath width followed. There was mention of noxious weeds on hillsides adjacent to the trail.

**BPA-** Todd reported work on the BPA right of way has begun. We are currently working the Lomo Hanford line. We expect to tour with our liaison, Cozette Fink on 5/20/21.

**BLM** – Todd explained the contract for treating noxious weeds at Juniper Dunes runs through December 2021. Todd has decided to postpone treating until the fall due to the lack of moisture and other projects. Given that rush skeletonweed is the primary species targeted and a fall application provides the best results, postponing until fall makes the most sense.

**2314** – Marcus got his pickup back and it is in good running order.

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**Rye Control** – Staff will run Overturf and Blanton roads to look at how far along the rye is and if it is a good time to spray it.

**Annual Report**- Betsy reported the annual report had been submitted.

**Mar's move to Connell** – There was a brief discussion on Marv's future move to Connell. It was determined that any action is at the discretion of the Board.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None scheduled but Betsy will follow up with Dan Dotta, City of Pasco Facilities Manager to inquire whether he is interested in a pesticide credit program this fall.

Voucher #'s 21-066 through 21-081 signed in the amount of \$22,713.75

Next Board Meeting Monday 6/21/2021 @ 7:00 pm

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for May 17, 2021

Maw D. Grassl

Chairman

June 21, 2021

Date

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Clerk of the Board

June 21, 2021

Date

