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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday May 12, 2023 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 Dan Voss, Vice Chair; Paul Herrman, Jake DeRuwe and Chance Trainer. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Sabrina Gilley, Inspector. Minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jake DeRuwe and a second by Chance Trainer. Motion passed.

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

Meetings & Events – WA Weed Association Committee Meeting 5-5-23, Ellensburg (Betsy)

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Appointment – Todd reported Chance Trainer had been appointed by the FC Commissioners as the District 5 Director on May 2, 2023. Welcome Chance, we look forward to your contributions on the Board.

Reorganization of the Board – There was discussion on a rotational schedule for the Chairman and the Vice Chairman positions. Martin suggested an annual rotation beginning January 1st of each year, stating he would be willing to serve as Chairman for the next year and a half. Dan Voss volunteered to serve as the Vice Chair for the same period. The Board unanimously agreed on an annual rotation. Discussion continued on a more favorable day to hold Board meetings. It was decided to switch the meetings to the second Monday of the month beginning in June 2023. A notice will be published in the FC Graphic informing the public of the change.

FC Roadside – Todd reported Public Works had been billed in the amount of \$39,932.17 for roadside application. Todd advised the Board that a meeting was scheduled with Craig Erdman, County Engineer and Public Works GIS team to discuss acres and miles sprayed. Discussion on the amount FCWB charges Public Works for spraying roadsides followed. Paul asked if the charge is updated during the year to which Todd responded the budget is proposed every fall at a meeting with Public Works. Discussion on rising chemical costs and a fuel surcharge followed.

BLM – The spraying in Juniper Dunes has been completed under both the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 contracts. The work will be billed at the first opportunity. Todd mentioned two smaller areas, one off of Juniper Dunes Rd and the quarter circle by CSS will be billed separately. Discussion on the possibility of aerial applications in future years followed. Todd stated FCWB should not need to spray with the John Deere Gators as we have moved away from crop.

WSDA – Todd reported we have not heard back from Kurt Beckley, Altitude Agri Services, LLC for an estimate on spraying the Scotch thistle project with a drone.

BPA – Todd provided an update on BPA work under the current year's contract. The Ice Harbor and Benton Franklin lines have been completed.

State Parks – We continue to work on the Columbia Plateau Trail. Todd reported we have worked through the developed portion of the trail as well as completing the sterilant application. The funds under the current contract need to be consumed by June 30, 2023.

State Weed Board – The State is providing funds for control work on Class A or B-designate noxious weeds. FCWB has submitted a proposal to continue Dalmatian toadflax work.

Rush skeletonweed test plots in rangeland – Todd reported Jerry Ellis, Envu is scheduled to visit on 5/16/23 to conduct test plots on rush skeletonweed using Method. There is a push to get Method herbicide labeled for use in rangeland.

Other Weed Board Activities – We sprayed yellow starthistle on a 5-acre parcel for a landowner. Todd mentioned FCWB will be reimbursed for the chemical used and that FCWB supplied the labor and equipment. Todd provided information on some inquiries that had come in regarding cereal rye. Discussion on cereal rye choking out other weeds followed.

Vouchers 23-049 through 23-061 signed in the amount of \$23,141.63

April payroll in the amount of \$23,561.00

Upcoming meetings and events – WA State Noxious Weed Control Board 5/25 (Virtual), Annual Report Deadline 5/30

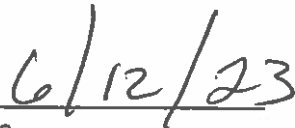
Next Board Meeting June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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 May 11, 2023




Chairman



Date



Clerk of the Board



Date

