

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday November 18, 2019 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board members present were Vice Chair Terry Utecht, Paul Herrman, Martin Pierret and Dan Voss. Guest James Ferguson was in attendance. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Marc miller, Lead Inspector; Luis Esquivel, Inspector and Wes Smalling, Inspector. Minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the October Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2018-2019 and Budget update

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Weed Conference, Wenatchee 11/6-11/8. Betsy provided a report on Jennifer Andreas' biocontrol program at WSU Extension and the status of biocontrol agents she anticipates becoming available in the next two to three years. Discussion on the process of getting agents approved for release in the United States followed. Todd explained new rules coming down the pike for gramoxone. Discussion on tighter restrictions and safety while using the herbicide followed.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Budget Hearing Commissioners – Todd reported the 2020 budget had been presented and approved by the FC Board of Commissioners. Todd received compliments on the roadside work. Todd explained some of the "owner will maintain" areas have been given back to the county to spray which he attributes to FCWB's performance of roadside applications.

Roadside Spray Program – The fall residual application is near completion with 471 miles sprayed. Todd projects approximately 500 miles will have been sprayed by the end of the task. There has been one minor setback. An EPro Unit malfunctioned during an application. The unit has been sent back to Raven for repair. Todd is looking for a replacement in the \$3500.00 range to have as a spare. Discussion on the application process followed. We are expecting good results from the application technique.

WA State Parks – State Parks has been billed in the amount of \$5220.90 for noxious weed work on the Columbia Plateau Trail. Most of the work was performed on the upper end of the trail to the county line. Andrew Fielding has acknowledged receipt of the invoicing and expects to get it paid very soon.

Cost Share Program – Todd provided an update on the cost share acres sprayed to date. So far, 2428 acres out of 3981 have been completed. We are expecting all of the proposed acres to be sprayed this year. Discussion on the 2020 cost share program followed. Todd suggested the cost share be on a first come, first serve basis with the application period closing when a certain number of acres has been proposed. A \$7.00-\$8.00 range was determined to be an acceptable cost share payment to help defray the cost of treating noxious weeds. For 2020, the cost share application will be on a first come first serve basis and applications will close when 4000 acres have been proposed.

M.D.G.

FCWB – Todd reported we have received the Credit Card from Umpqua Bank. The card was used to pay for the rooms at the Weed Conference in Wenatchee. Todd discussed a few purchases that will be made on this year's budget. The copier will be replaced with a model that fits our needs better. Todd explained two bids had been provided by the county and we had obtained a bid from Xerox. The bids for a copier were discussed and it was decided the Xerox copier has all the features we need and is the best value. The Board approved the purchase of the Xerox Copier Work Centre 7855 PT2. Betsy explained the copier is a refurbished machine but it will be fully covered as a new machine for parts and labor for the life of the contract. Todd will also purchase a new pump for the silver pickup and is looking for another mapping unit to have as a backup.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – None before next Board Meeting

Voucher #'s 19-149 through 19-163 signed in the amount of \$33,814.32

Next Board Meeting Monday 12/16/19 @ 1:00 pm (staff presentations begin at 11:00)

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 2:15 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for November 18, 2019

Marv D. Grassl
Chairman

Dec. 16, 2019
Date

Jack Z. [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

Dec 16, 2019
Date

