

# FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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## Minutes

### Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday November 16, 2020

1:00 PM

LOCATION: 8751 Pasco Kahlotus Road, Pasco

#### OLD BUSINESS

The virtual meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present telephonically were Paul Herrman, Martin Pierret and Dan Voss. A quorum was established. Staff present telephonically included Todd Harris; Program Coordinator, Betsy Crysel; Office Manager, Marc Miller; Lead Inspector and Luis Esquivel, Inspector. Minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Dan Voss and a second by Martin Pierret. **Monthly Financial** – Review of the October Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2019-2020 and Budget update. Discussion on the transfer of money between the investment and checking accounts followed.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – WA Vegetation Management Association & Invasive Species Conference, Remote education opportunity, Nov 3-Nov 6; up to 12 pesticide recertification credits available. Todd explained the conference was held virtually over 4 mornings. Topics included the work being done on gypsy moth and Asian Giant Hornet.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**2021 Budget Hearing Commissioners** – Todd reported the 2021 budget had been presented to the Commissioners virtually on October 20, 2020. Todd was asked whether he thought the cost share program was proving effective in reducing noxious weeds and if the roadside spray program was encouraging others to work on their noxious weeds. Todd was complimented for reducing the budget which he stated was primarily because of not rehiring a 5<sup>th</sup> position. The Commissioners approved the 2021 budget telephonically.

**BLM** – We have been informed by Debbie Plummer, Natural Resource Specialist that we will receive \$5,000.00 to continue work in Juniper Dunes on the recreational and parking areas. Todd mentioned he had hoped the contract would allow us to get back out there this fall to work on skeletonweed but the information we've been given states the contract will be for next spring. We are still waiting to receive the contract.

**Cost Share** – Todd provided an update on the progress of fall spraying. Bellini Lacey, Rice Ranch sprayed 1100 acres. 900 acres were approved for cost share. Bellini has reimbursed FCWB in the amount of \$19,277.47 for chemical purchased for her project and will be sent her cost share payment.

**FC Roadside** – John White; Connell Road Supervisor, informs us they will begin chip seal on roads in District 4 this week or next so we can go in behind them and spray. We have not been able to connect with Scott Garberg; Pasco Road Supervisor to find out where he stands. Todd is trying to put together a meeting between the Road Supervisors and Craig Erdman; County Engineer to go over the 2021 roadside plan and "Owner Will Maintain" areas.

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**WA State Parks** — Todd reported we had been trying to put together a meeting with Andrew Fielding; Environmental Planner, to take him out on the trail and show him some of the challenges of spraying. The meeting had been tentatively scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. We will touch base with Andrew to determine whether or not a meeting this week is still possible, given the current COVID guidelines.

**BPA** — Todd reported a proposal had been submitted to Cozette Fink, Natural Resource Specialist for a new contract. Cozette was agreeable to a slight increase in the per/hour rate. We expect to hear back from her soon on the contract renewal.

**Weeds of Focus** — Staff has assisted several landowners in noxious weed control. Todd explained landowners were approached about reimbursing FCWB for the chemical. FCWB supplied the labor. We have received payment in the amount of \$616.98 from Agrilabor, Inc. for treating yellow starthistle and Scotch thistle. Payment in the amount of \$224.19 has been received from American Rock Products for treating saltcedar.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** – None

Voucher #'s 20-137 through 20-147 signed in the amount of \$34,212.25.

September payroll in the amount of \$23,111.00

October payroll in the amount of \$31,693.00

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:38 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings' for November 16, 2020.

Maw D. Grasse  
Chairman

Dec. 21, 2020  
Date

Scott G. Galt  
Clerk of the Board

Dec 21-2020  
Date

