

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday September 20, 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 Dan Voss and Martin Pierret. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Luis Esquivel, Inspector. Marc Miller, Lead Inspector attended by phone. Minutes from the August 16, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Martin Pierret and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

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

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Benton Franklin Fair and Rodeo 8/24-8/28, staff commented attendance appeared to be down.

NEW BUSINESS

State Parks – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$23,937.98 had been received for work completed through June 30, 2021. Any additional work will be billed later in the year.

WSDA Grant Work – The tree of heaven project has been completed. WSDA has been billed in the amount of \$5000.00. Discussion followed on the problematic nature of the tree. Marv noted there was a patch of tree of heaven that had been marked in Connell by the post office. Betsy mentioned the City of Pasco Code Enforcement had contacted the office regarding tree of heaven damaging the city's infrastructure.

BPA- Todd provided an update on the Benton Scooteny rebuild. Cozette Fink, Natural Resource Specialist has informed us the agreement should be issued soon with a start date of 10-1-2021. Discussion on the work involved followed. The majority of spraying will be from the river up to the orchards and on the opposite end through rangeland. Todd mentioned if moisture is present the work would begin by late October.

FC Roadside – Todd discussed the conversation he had with Craig Erdman, County Engineer. Craig informs us there is no budget for roadside work this fall but expect a budget of \$180,000.00 for 2022. Discussion on herbicides that work well on specific problematic weeds followed. Todd noted not all of the chemicals that control weeds are labeled for roadside use. There was a suggestion to submit letters for a possible change of labeling to allow certain herbicides use in the dryland region. FCWB will follow up with WSDA for further information.

Noxious Weed Problem Areas/Activities – Todd shared information he had received from Todd Harris, Western Reclamation regarding a drought tolerant orchard grass that Trent Brusseau, Corteva Agriscience proposed for test plots. Todd is not aware of a drought tolerant orchard grass and suspects a minimum of 12 inches rainfall would be needed. FCWB will follow up with Western reclamation and Trent.

M.D.G.

Todd reported we had been in communication with Debbie Plummer, BLM who had received a complaint about noxious weeds on BLM ground. Discussion on total BLM acreage in Franklin County followed. There is a possibility we will receive additional funds to treat the area that received the complaint.

Todd mentioned there will be a few lots within the city of Pasco that will be treated this fall for skeletonweed. Luis shared video demonstrating the operation of a drone that has been purchased for surveying.

2022 Budget – Todd presented a first look at the 2022 budget. Luis will be promoted to Lead Inspector with a salary that matches the position. The other positions will also receive cost of living increases. Todd informed the Board that Carlee Nave, Human Resources Director had reviewed the salaries and determined the increases were reasonable. There is room in the budget for a seasonal employee should the need arise. Other changes in the budget include increases in fuel, communications, office rent, insurance and the cost share program. There will be a decrease in supplies and repairs and maintenance. The Board of Directors expressed support of the salary increases to retain good employees.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Todd reported FCWB had met with Heather Wendt, Conservation District at Chiawana High School to partner on a Heritage Garden Project. Staff will meet with Environmental Science teacher Tony Carr and students to help identify existing vegetation.

Voucher #'s 21-115 through 21-122 signed in the amount of \$2,998.10

Payroll August...\$22,073.00

Marcus away knee surgery Aug 23- TBD

Next Board Meeting Monday 10/18/2021 @ 1:00 pm (note time change), we will begin with **2022 Budget Hearing**

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Marv Grassl at 8:15 pm
These are the Board of Director proceedings' for September 20, 2021

Marv D. Grassl
Chairman

Oct. 18, 2021
Date

Terrell B. Stum
Clerk of the Board

October 18, 2021
Date



1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. This is essential for ensuring the integrity of the financial data and for providing a clear audit trail. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze this data, including the use of specialized software and manual review processes. The third part of the document provides a detailed overview of the results of the analysis, highlighting the key findings and trends. Finally, the fourth part of the document offers recommendations for improving the efficiency and accuracy of the data collection and analysis process.

