

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday March 10, 2025 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were Vice Chair Martin Pierret, Paul Herrman, Dan Voss and Chance Trainer. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager; Sabrina Gilley, Inspector and Nick Haack, Inspector. The Minutes from February 10, 2025, meeting reviewed and approved as presented, with a motion from Paul Herrman and a second by Martin Pierret. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events – Home and Garden Show at HAPO Center. February 14th-16th; Todd stated the show had been well attended by the community, Vegetation Management Committee Ellensburg 3/6

NEW BUSINESS

CO Road – Todd reported payment in the amount of \$59,142.47 had been received for fall roadside work. The residual work in the irrigated area is nearly completed. We anticipate spraying approximately 640 acres, mostly paved and longer roads. Todd mentioned the task could be completed with one more day of spraying. A new scope of work has been sent to Craig Erdman (County Engineer) reflecting the transition to spray and bill within the calendar year. If the budget permits, this fall's application on dryland roads will be minimal. Discussion on pulling shoulders and carrying unused chemicals into the next calendar year followed. Todd explained that chemical in inventory would have been paid for by Public Works and would not cause any discrepancies.

John Deere Gators – The titles have been received for Gators 1, 2, 3. Gator 1 went to auction at Musser Auto and Truck auction. The closing bid was \$6,500.00. We should receive a check soon minus the \$100.00 auction fee. The skid and spray equipment configuration has been completed on Gator 4. Following the end of the Board meeting Gator 4 was available for the Board Members to view. Staff have also prepared Gators 2 and 3 for the season.

Cost Share Program – Todd reported the 2025 cost share participants have been informed of the \$10.07/acre return. Sign up this year has been good, including some new participants in the program. Discussion on the targeted weeds followed. There was also discussion on skeletonweed seed germination after opening CRP. The expectation for seed germination is high because of the moisture received over the past several months.

Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan – FCWB has been invited to provide input on Emergency Management's updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current draft includes a section on invasive species. Emergency Management would like our input on noxious weeds. The meeting will take place on March 18, 2025. Discussion on several noxious weeds and the potential for Medusahead and cereal rye to produce hotter fires followed.

Vouchers 25-035 through 25-047 signed in the amount of \$3,253.33.

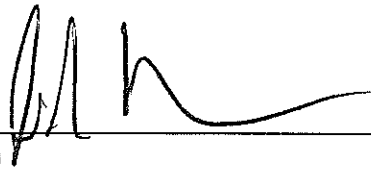
February payroll in the amount of \$21,588

Upcoming Meetings and Events – Coordinators Conference Chelan 3/12-3/14; Farm Fair 3/27-3/28

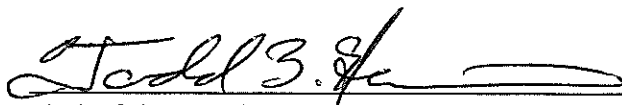
Next Board Meeting April 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no more business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 7:35 pm.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for March 10, 2025


Chairman

5/12/25
Date


Clerk of the Board

5-12-2025
Date

