

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday May 12, 2025 7:00 PM

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Jake DeRuwe. Board Members present were Dan Voss and Chance Trainer. Staff included Todd Harris, Program Coordinator; Betsy Crysel, Office Manager and Nick Haack; Inspector. The Minutes from March 10, 2025, meeting was reviewed and approved as presented with a motion from Chance Trainer and a second by Dan Voss. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events – Coordinators Conference Chelan 3/12-3/14, Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan 3/18; Farm Fair 3/27-3/28, WSDOT meeting with area maintenance offices 4/22 Pasco, Tri-Cities Urban Pest Readiness Workshop 4/30 Richland, Vegetation Management Meeting 5/1

NEW BUSINESS

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CO Road – Todd reported the residual application in the irrigated area had been completed for a total of 550.6 acres. Additionally, the block walls and gravel yards were also sprayed. The payment in the amount of \$81,661.90 had been received for the work. There is approximately \$9,000.00 left in the roadside budget. In the fall we will have to be selective about which roads to spray and most likely will treat some of the major roads in the dryland area. Discussion on direct injection followed. Todd explained the spray trucks originally had direct injection, however it was older technology and not efficient. Todd's preference is knowing what is in the tank and what is going out. Discussion on chemical prices followed. There was a suggestion by the Board to look into Farmers Business Network (FBN) as a source for glyphosate.

John Deere Gators – The gators all have the double pump set up and output of 15 gallons per acre. Todd explained the flow control valve and flow meter will adjust with speed. Discussion on the speed at which the Gators sprayed followed. Todd reported running 3-4 miles per hour while spraying. It was discussed that this speed is best for the type of terrain we have. We received the check from Musser Auto Auction for the sale of Gator 1.

WA State Parks – We are working through current contract ending June 30th. Work on the trail is complete as well as the sterilant application on the developed portion of the trail. Todd mentioned there are still funds to be consumed at the parks, and that we have been working in Sacajawea Park spraying kochia. Unfortunately, the consensus is that we have lost ground in Sacajawea Park due to not having the time to spray last year. The intent is to gain back what was lost so we visit every couple weeks and spray newly emerged kochia. We will also be visiting Palouse Falls and Lyons Ferry State Park to spray for diffuse knapweed.

BPA – Todd reported completion of the lines scheduled for 2025. We will be billing at our first opportunity.

Cost Share Program – Over half of the acres have already been sprayed on the cost share program. Todd reported approximately 2350 acres have been reported as having been sprayed but we are still waiting for documentation before making payment to some of those landowners.

Scotch thistle – We have been checking areas sprayed on the grant last year and have determined the drone application turned out better than was expected. FCWB is spraying Scotch along the water way and the railroad where it is accessible. We plan to continue spraying on the last stretch which is approximately a mile north of Connell. We also discovered a new patch of Scotch which is estimated to be about 10 acres.

Envu – Todd share information received from Jerry Ellis on a product called Altifi. Altifi is carfentrazone, like Aim. Todd was hoping it would get labeled for roadside but, unfortunately, it doesn't look as though that will happen.

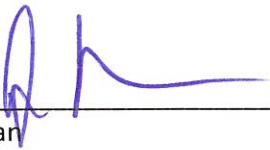
Voucher numbers 25-064 through 25-073 signed in the amount of \$6206.09

Upcoming Meetings and Events – None

Next Board Meeting June 9, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business meeting was adjourned by Chairman Jake DeRuwe at 7:09 p.m.

These are the Board of Director proceedings for May 12, 2025


Chairman

6/9/25
Date


Clerk of the Board

6-9-2025
Date

