

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Agenda

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday August 10, 2026

LOCATION: 502 Boeing St Pasco, WA

OLD BUSINESS

Call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review and approve minutes of June 8, 2026, meeting

Monthly Financial – Review of the Treasurers Report

Meetings & Events – Aaron Carter meeting in Connell

NEW BUSINESS

CO Road – We are working on spraying Kochia along county roads. We are trying some different combinations of herbicides that are not so heat sensitive or volatile. We still have about \$5000 available from Public Works.

Jerry Ellis – We did some additional test plots with the mixes that Jerry had outlined for us to try as well as adding in a new product from Helena called Full Deck. The purpose for additional trials was to see what kind of performance we get on more stressed Kochia. The first trials pretty much everything is dead.

State Parks – We have finished State Parks applications. We have billed Washington State Parks in the amount of \$30,075.46 for spraying in and around State Parks property. We were asked to do some Tree of Heaven treatment in Sacajawea Park. Additionally, we will be doing some Kochia treatment in the outer area of the park to follow up on our spring work.

Bonneville Power Administration - We have received payments from BPA for our annual survey and spray program \$13,026.60 as well as our Benton Scootney line follow up \$2634.53. Additionally, I have sent our work plan for 2027,2028,2029 annual contract.

Bureau of Land Management - We are finalizing a plan to aerially apply 260 acres this fall and another 295 acres in the spring. The funding to do the project has been approved by BLM. The funding goes through Washington State Department of Agriculture. I am hoping to have this project in the air late October.

Weed board – We have been working on spraying Scotch Thistle and Yellow Star thistle in the Eltopia area as well as some scattered areas block 17 and Bureau of Reclamation. Also receiving some phone calls and emails from people with weed problems and complaints. It's funny how everyone sees noxious weed problems after the point that control is not very viable. At that point it is a cleanup or wait until fall and try to catch up.

Sign voucher number....

Upcoming Meetings and Events – Washinton Vegetation Management Meeting August 14 2026, finish up final details for the November Conference. Benton-Franklin County Fair August 25th – 29th.

Next Board Meeting September 14, 2026, at 7:00 pm.