

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday November 17, 2014 1:00PM

LOCATION: Weed Board Office, 502 Boeing Street, Port of Pasco

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 1:04 pm; Board Directors present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Terry Utecht, Bill Middleton, and Paul Herrman. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator and Robin Kusske, Asst. Coordinator.

Review and approve minutes from October 13, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Dave Beach; seconded by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Financial – Review of the October Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2013-2014 (to date & monthly) with Budget update

Meetings & Events Attended – CWMA meeting Vic & Betsy, Vic reported on the decline and colony collapse of bees. Discussion on how the CWMA is not as effective as first hoped for, but is necessary to have that in your cap when applying for grants. Vic attended the Wheat Growers meeting. Chairman Marv Grassl was also in attendance. Staff Todd Harris and Vic attended the WA Weed Conference in Wenatchee. While there they were introduced to a mapping program by Tee-Jet which will provide GPS coordinates and maps for each of the spray nozzles in our Roadside Spraying Program for the County. Vic purchased a unit, which cost about \$1500. The unit can be moved from one vehicle to another.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Budget – has been approved by the commissioners, now we are searching for information that indicates how involved the Weed Board is with County administration. There was some discussion on liability and errors and omissions insurance and whether or not we (the Weed Board) should be part of the county. The consensus was to explore the pros and cons of being part of the county or going on our own.

County Rd – Task 3 start date of Oct 27, 488 miles have been completed, and billed -- \$8784. Winter has set in. Applications at this time would not be effective so the project will wait till the weather clears.

FCD Cost Share Program – 15 farms have signed up, 120 acres awarded to all with additional acres to range ground.

Corp of Engineers - Todd met with Pete Ober at Big Flat to check out the White Bryony in the Russian Olive and determine a course of action for treatment.

WA State Parks – The contract with Parks is out of date. Todd met with Reade Obern to discuss renewal of the contract and the possibility of doing residual work on the trail from Ice Harbor Dam to Snake River Junction. Both Contracts have been submitted, and are waiting for review to be implemented in 2015. If approved, Trail work would be able to bring in \$7500 on an adjustable yearly contract, and the residual work would be able to bring in \$8500. Both contracts would be renewable on a yearly basis and would be adjustable dependent on year and work done.

BPA – Payment has been received for the 2014 contract \$7,242.98

WSDA – Payment has been received for the White Bryony Grant \$4,946.54

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Medical Insurance – information for 2015 was included in packet. Budgeted amount was set at \$650 per employee. Total benefit per employee to be paid by FCNWCB is \$638.73

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Grower Meeting on March 5th, 2015, at the Grange Hall in Kahlotus. Ideas discussed were: the difference between control and suppression, CSP the latest and greatest low drift nozzles, air induction systems, etc., Bruce Clutterbuck and/or a Chem Rep as possible speakers.

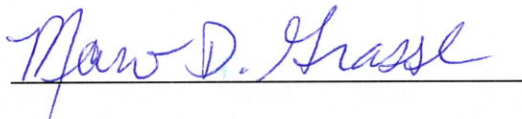
Sign Vouchers... 14-120 – 14-133 in the amount of \$14,877.94

Payroll expense... October... \$19,243.95

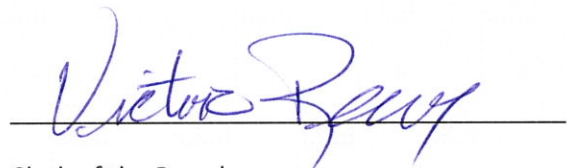
Next meeting Monday December 15, 2014 10am

Presentations from Staff at that time.

Please call the office or email by 8 am Monday November 17, 2014, if you are unable to attend the meeting.



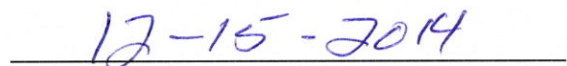
Chairman



Clerk of the Board



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