

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Tuesday January 21, 2014

1:00PM

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl, board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach and Terry Utecht. Staff included Vic Reeve Coordinator, Robin Kusske Asst. Coordinator, Todd Harris Lead Inspector, and Betsy Crysel Office Manager.

Presentation was given to the board by Betsy Crysel reflecting on 2013. Betsy gave a short Power Point Presentation reflecting accomplishments in 2013 and plans for 2014. Presentation was well received with a brief discussion following the presentation.

Minutes from December 16 board meeting were reviewed and corrections made. Motion to approve minutes by Terry Utecht with a second by Dave Beach, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Financial – Review of the December Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2012-2013, review 2014 budget.

Meetings & Events Attended – Pasco Ag Show January 7-8, Grant County Weed Conference Moses Lake January 15, Basin Agro presentation Connell January 16

NEW BUSINESS

Section 2 – We continue to search for someone to take Dave Beach's seat on the Board of Directors. Inquiries have been made and there has been some interest but as of this date no commitment from anyone. We will continue to search for a replacement. A list of potential members was presented to the board followed by a short discussion of possible applicants.

State Auditor - Vic presented the Report for 2010 through 2012 highlighting findings, recommendations, and estimated cost of \$1,837 for audit period 2010-2012. Overall we received a good report. The auditor has requested voucher numbers approved and payroll be added to the minutes.

2014 Special Purpose District Sheet was signed by the Board. This designates the individuals who are allowed to pick up payroll and vouchers.

WSDA – We have been informed by Greg Haubrich of WSDA that we have been awarded a \$4,000 Survey grant for White Bryony that Robin applied for. We are waiting on the paperwork for confirmation of the award. Robin gave an explanation of the introduction of White Bryony, seed dispersal, and increased pressure of the weed over the last 5 years.

BPA – Christina Leid our liaison for the BPA has informed us they are cutting back on the amount of money available for weed control this year to \$12,000.

County Rd – Task #3 payment has been received in the amount of \$2,225.00.

Connell Oil is DBA Co-Energy. The name has been changed on the Voucher.

2014 Budget – Vic gave an explanation on 2014 projected expenses and purchases. The projection is that cash flow may become an issue so that borrowing from the reserve may be necessary to operate.

Robin showed the Board the aquatic and terrestrial weed books she has made. The books contain color pictures, many taken by Robin and will be a great reference source for identifying noxious weeds and obnoxious weeds common to our area. The terrestrial weed book was very popular at the Ag Show and both will be great reference books at upcoming events. Robin also shared the newsletter she is working on to go in the NRCS mailing and the "What We Do" brochure.


Todd has been working almost entirely on his own for much of December and January modifying SP3 for multi-purpose use. The vehicle is nearing completion and although it may not be finished in time to complete Task 3 the expectation for use as a second spray truck when we begin roadside contact spraying this spring is exciting.

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Helena Meeting January 29, DuPont Pioneer meeting Connell February 4, Spokane Ag Show February 5, WCIF ACE Meeting (Betsy) Spokane February 6, SCBID meeting Mesa February 6, Flowering Rush Symposium Spokane February 10-13, WSU Training Pasco February 11.

Vouchers Signed ...Voucher numbers 14-001 through 14-011....\$3,015.82
Payroll expense for December.... \$20,051.86

Next meeting Tuesday February 18 1pm. (Monday is a holiday) The 2014 Weed List will be presented to the Board for adoption.

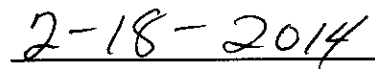
Meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 2:56 pm.



Chairman



Clerk of the Board



Date



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