

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday August 18, 2014

7:00PM

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:01; Board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Paul Herrman and Bill Middleton. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator, Robin Kusske, Asst. Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

Minutes from July 21st meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Beach with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Financial – Review of the July Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2013-2014/Chart comparison with budget update (for 2014 projection)

Meetings & Events Attended – WCIF Yakima July 23, QuickBooks training August 8-Betsy, Benton-Franklin Fair August 19-23

NEW BUSINESS

Benton County – Benton County Board Members respectfully declined our coordinator-shared proposal stating they could hire a full-time coordinator of their own for the money we were asking. They are grateful to FC Board for their time. Mark Nielson thanked us for jump starting the process that will get BC to take some action.

Benton Franklin Conservation District – MOU has been signed by Vic and Mark Nielson

Open Government Training – A requirement of governing members, representatives and records clerks as of July 1, 2014 regarding open meetings and record retention. Postponed video presentation until September meeting.

Franklin County Compliance Audit – Franklin County underwent a compliance audit by the State. As a result the State has requested Franklin County determine whether or not the Weed Board is part of the County. We do not know if or when a decision will be made. The decision may affect future contributions to the retirement system.

BLM Survey – A check in the amount of \$2,470.00 has been received for the survey. BLM requested input in preparation for an environmental assessment associated with the impacts of noxious weeds and invasive plants management on public lands. Our comments have been submitted.

Incident involving 9554, 9553 – Todd noticed a problem with the power steering pump in the Dodge. Nolan is working with the insurance company to resolve issue and get additional payment for repairs. Chevy has been totaled. Check in the amount of \$7,186.67 has been received. We are evaluating our fleet to determine the best replacement.

County Rd – Task 2 began July 31st. SP2 is being used in this round. Paved roads in District 2, 5 complete. We are currently working in Districts 1 and 6. Spray miles to date total 563 miles. This equates to \$10,134.00 but does not compensate for total miles driven (880) and 4 days of surveying in preparation for Task 2. We will tour with Matt Rasmussen and hope to negotiate compensation for time and support miles when Task 2 is billed. Todd tested a mix he used on his farm on a few gravel roads. This was an exercise to evaluate Frequency herbicide effect on Russian thistle.

White Bryony Surveying – Robin has been surveying this month for White bryony. She concentrated on areas with known infestations to get an idea of severity of the infestation. Surveying was conducted between Bueller and the railroad and at Camps. Robin also went out with Casey Hill (SCBID) who showed her infestations of White bryony he has been working on.

Drought Tolerant Grass Flyer – Robin shared a native grass flyer she created to be used as a resource for cleaning up circle corners. She did a fantastic job designing the flyer after researching and contacting local experts and suppliers of native grass seed. The flyer provides information on species suited to the area, proper planting time and seed planting depth. The flyer will be available at the fair as staff promote the establishment of native grass stands to outcompete weeds.

Weed Control letters sent – Robin gave a synopsis of weed control letters sent out this year, follow up letters and visits. We will be taking a look at those individuals who repeatedly ignore letters as we develop our enforcement protocol.

Budget Planning Begins – Vic presented actual and projected expenses and income for 2014. This information will be used for developing the preliminary 2015 budget.


Upcoming Meetings & Events – Open Government Training, August 21, Walla Walla, Vic & Betsy; Ben-Franklin Fair August 19-23

Signed Vouchers 14-083-14-096 in the amount of \$6,760.50.

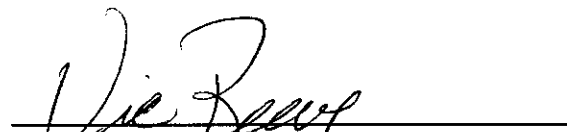
Payroll expense July... \$ 19,306.70

Next meeting Monday September 15, 2014 7 pm


Please call the office or email by 8 am Monday August 18, 2014, if you are unable to attend the meeting




Chairman



Clerk of the Board



Date



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