

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Monday May 19, 2014 7:00PM

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

Meeting was called to Order at 7:03 by Chairman Marv Grassl; board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Bill Middleton and Terry Utecht. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator, Robin Kusske, Asst. Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

Minutes from April 21st meeting were reviewed and correction made. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Beach with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Meetings & Events Attended – Conservation District meeting April 15 –Vic, Robin and Betsy attended Excel training May 15

NEW BUSINESS

WSDA – White Bryony and SE WA CWMA Grants have been signed and returned to WSDA. The award is \$5,000.00 for Franklin County and \$4,612.00 for CWMA. These Grants will provide funding for Franklin Co. to survey for White Bryony this summer and help with the Newsletter printing and distribution. FCWB will bill after surveying is complete. The SE WA CWMA Grant is for surveying in Columbia and Garfield Counties for Med Sage and Japanese Knotweed. A contractor has been selected to do the SE WA CMA survey.

County Rd– FCWB was given the ok to begin roadside contact spraying by Matt Rasmussen which commenced on April 21. The Task 1 Interlocal Agreement has been drafted and presented to Fred Bowen for approval. Public Works has agreed with the \$18 per mile charge for all miles sprayed this year, with a minimum of 2055 miles to be sprayed over the season. 900 of the 1200 miles have been treated with the spring contact application to date. The scope of work should allow for a second contact treatment and fall residual. Marcus Miller is on loan from the Conservation District and has been driving SP1. We will be invoiced from the Franklin CD for his time. MOU between CD and FCWB will be signed. Vic and Todd are discussing the feasibility of converting SP2 to a spray truck with an interchangeable sprayer set up with SP3.

FCWB Website– Kudos to Robin! She has been instrumental in launching our new website, from investigating all options to implementation. She decided the best option was to host our own site and has worked diligently on the design. She gave a demonstration to everyone at the meeting navigating the tabs to show us the content of the site. Home page tabs navigate the user to FCWB Board of Directors and staff, noxious weed laws, and the list of Class A, B, and C weeds. There is also a tab for contact information. The new website will be a valuable educational resource for the public. Robin has done a phenomenal job at executing this task. Thanks Robin!

Bio Control releases – Betsy and Robin conducted three Purple Loosestrife releases on May 8th at Camps Lake and Clark Pond. There are hopes for a Dalmatian Toadflax release this week. Distribution of DT bios will depend on the success of the harvest. Jennifer Andreas will keep us posted.

DOT – Vic and Betsy have surveyed HWY 395 in preparation for the annual meeting with the Pasco crew. To our knowledge they have done a Milestone 2013 fall treatment and some spring of 2014, but we are not sure where. We see good results in the areas that we can pick out and will express our appreciation for their efforts also requesting they make this an ongoing effort by treating more areas.

WDFW – Vic touched base with Greg Bjornstrom. Although he has been swamped in his new position Greg remains hopeful that he can convince the powers that be of the benefit of collaborating with FCWB on noxious weed control. Robin will be going out this week with Philip Buser to determine areas where we might be of help. They will be accompanied by a gentleman from the Youth Ranch who Robin has not yet met.


Upcoming Meetings & Events – DOT meeting May 21, Municipal meeting June 18
Benton weed/ Roadside meeting ---review from April meeting


Vouchers signed ...Voucher numbers 14-050 through 14-058...\$3,547.62
Payroll expense for April \$19,331.30

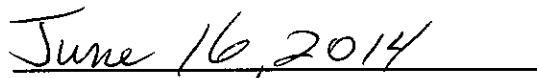
Next meeting Monday June 16, 2014 7 pm


Please call the office or email by 8 am Monday June 16, 2014, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 8:31 p.m.


Chairman


Clerk of the Board


Date


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