

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday May 18, 2015

7:00 PM

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Marv Grassl; Board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach and Terry Utecht. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator; Todd Harris, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the April 20, 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Beach with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed.

Monthly Financial – Review of the April Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2014-2015 and budget update. Vic reported April Assessment largest since 2009.

Meetings & Events attended – WSDOT Regional Meeting April 30 – Vic, Wheat Grower Meeting May 7- Kahlotus-Vic

NEW BUSINESS

County Rd – Payment in the amount of \$ 14,166.00 has been received for residual work. Spring Contact work on oil roads was completed 4-21 totaling 212 miles. 2015 work is charged at a rate of \$20.00 per spray mile. PW has been invoiced and payment made in the amount of \$9,387.67 for application and chemical reimbursement. Vic reviewed a P&L summary for 2014 RS program.

Auction – Motion to surplus 1994 GMC flatbed and 725 gallon tank by Terry Utecht with a second by Dave Beach. Motion passed. Value of equipment is approximately \$3600.00.

WA State Parks – Payment in the amount of \$4,498.23 has been received for sterilant application from Ice Harbor Dam to Snake River Junction and chemical reimbursement. Todd reported he has checked on results of sterilant application and taken pictures. The results look good; some breakthrough of thistle but chemical appears to have knocked them back. Todd is currently working on noxious weed control on the trail.

New Employee – Joe Turner's references have been checked. Joe has been hired for the Field Inspector position. He has given a two week notice. His start date will be May 26th.

New Employee Schedules –Vic reported overtime has decreased since switching to the 9/80 schedule. Staff reported the extended work day provides flexibility in completing tasks without incurring excessive overtime.

WDFW – Betsy met with Phillip Buser, WDFW Assistant Manager; who informed us the advisory committee is not active yet. Olympia office is still waiting on paperwork from potential participants.

Assessment – Vic and Betsy reported on the assessment matrix. Betsy explained the purpose of the matrix and demonstrated how various assessment increases and additional income would affect the operating budget. Vic reviewed historical assessment amounts, outside income, and historical expenditures to determine assessment needs. Motion by Dave Beach for the Weed Board to pursue an assessment increase for 2016 with a second by Terry Utecht. Motion passed. FCWB will need to hold a public hearing to establish the amount of increase prior to submission to the County Commissioners.

Conservation District- Vic shared information received from the Conservation District regarding the number of participants in the Cost Share Program and work accomplished to date. The deadline to complete work is June 14, 2015. FCWB has not been as involved with the program as in prior years.

******Adam's County WB** "Pesticide management in Cattle and Rangeland" May 12-Ritzville**** Kudos to Eric Bell, Coordinator; Adam's County Noxious Weed Control Board for organizing this event.

Municipal Meeting – We have begun planning for the meeting and possible topics. We are looking to firm up June 23rd for this event. Carol Black, WSU- Pullman, Department of Entomology is available to present on Bee Health. Heather Wendt, Assistant Manager – Franklin Conservation District is available to present on Water Stewardship.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – State Weed Board meeting May 21 - Pomeroy, Vic knee replacement is scheduled for June 25; Vic on vacation May 19 thru 22

Sign Vouchers...Vouchers numbers 15-045 through 15-060 signed in the amount of \$2,045.94.
Payroll Expense April...\$15,392.94

Next meeting Monday June 15, 2015 7 PM

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 9:17 p.m.

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Board of Directors' Proceedings for May 18, 2015

Mario D. Grassl
Chairman

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Vic Beav
Clerk of the Board

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