

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday April 21, 2014

7:00PM

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl; board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, and Paul Herrmann. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator, Robin Kusske, Asst. Coordinator and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

Minutes from March 17th board meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Paul Herrmann and a second by Dave Beach. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Financial – Review of the March Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2013-2014 and Budget update

Meetings & Events Attended – Audit Training- March 21st. Betsy shared her thoughts on the training put on by the State Auditor's office and how information and contacts made attending the class helped her to complete the annual report which has been submitted well before the deadline. First Aid Training- Mar 20 (Staff). FCWB staff received their first aid cards. Farm Fair- March 25-26th. Robin was quite impressed with the 5th graders this year. The children were a well behaved group and receptive to the information she had to share.

NEW BUSINESS

Weed list & Prohibited Plants Synchronization Update- Thurston County sent a summary of responses from counties that participated in the survey. While it was nice to receive, Thurston County's interpretation of the participants responses may be a little biased and does not necessarily reflect the position the county was trying to convey.

Newsletter - The newsletter was sent in the April 10th edition of the Franklin County Graphic hitting the northern end of the county. Within days of distribution the newsletter led to identification of a white bryony site in Connell. Robin met with the land owner confirming the presence of the weed and is working with the land owner on proper disposal and control. She is currently speaking to The Tri City Herald acquiring information about running flyers in the paper.

State Audit - Betsy has completed the 2013 Annual Report on line. It was submitted on April 17th. The report will be published on the State Auditor's website following review.

WSDA – We are still waiting for paper work on the White Bryony Grant -- SEWA CWMA has sent RFP for survey of Columbia and Garfield Counties to determine quantities of Mediterranean Sage and Japanese Knot Weed. One applicant has responded to the proposal.

New – Vic showed the board pictures of the new two-axle trailer purchased to tow the Gator. The new trailer is heavier built with brakes on both axles. Todd has taken the trailer out and says it does a much better job of pulling compared to the single axle trailer.

County Rd – Fall Residual work is now complete and Public Works has been invoiced for \$8,535. Vic and Betsy met with Public Works to discuss future application and involvement with the Roadside Program. 2013 funding and expenses have been calculated and presented to Public Works. Vic presented the PowerPoint detailing FCWB costs and options to continue the roadside program. Public Works is currently reviewing the options. The goal is for the program to pay for itself, not to not use assessment money.

BPA- BPA has informed us funding is on hold at \$7500.00. At this time we are not to survey. We were able to spray residual last fall but Robin expressed her concern for the lines on 3 year rotations as it could be 6 years before those get treated again. The downside of course is the loss of income.

Municipal Meeting-June 18th has been set as the date for this meeting. Robin reviewed the agenda and gave an overview of the topics that will be covered. The topics were well received by the board.

City of Connell – WDFW – SCBID- Robin met Ed Brown, the new City of Connell manager and toured with him hitting important sites that need attention. She is trying to coordinate an aerial application for Rush Skeletonweed and Scotchthistle. She is also touring with Philip and Casey to coordinate a joint effort in weed control on SCBID land managed by WDFW.

Website information-Robin has been investigating options for a website. She will continue to gather information and present a proposal at the next board meeting. Possible options include hosting our own website or hosting through the county.

Benton County Weed Board Update- Vic is pursuing the possibility of a merger with the Benton County Weed Board.

Upcoming Meetings & Events- Excel Training May 15th (Robin and Betsy)
Vouchers signed 14-038 through 14-049 ... \$7,743.30
Payroll expense for March... \$19,312.46

Next meeting Monday May 19, 7 pm

Please call the office or email by 8 am Monday April 21, 2014, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

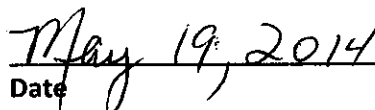
Meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 9:05 P.M.



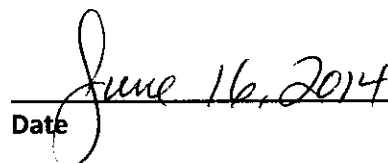
Chairman



Clerk of the Board



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