

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday October 13, 2014

7:00PM

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

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:12; Board members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Paul Herrman and Terry Utecht, Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator, Todd Harris, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager.

Minutes from September 15th meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Dave Beach and a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Meetings & Events Attended – WCIF meeting Spokane 9-18 Vic & Betsy

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Budget Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Marv Grassl at 7:31 P.M.

The 2015 budget was presented to the Board for a second time fulfilling the legal requirements of two public hearings. Vic provided an explanation of the process of going before the Commissioners for approval of Resolution #130915. Discussion of parcel increases, and contingent budget for roadside spraying followed. Terry Utecht moved Resolution #130915 be accepted as presented with a second by Paul Herrman. Motion passed.

Vehicle Purchases --- Improvements to 1987 IH Flatbed Truck are in progress. Todd has been inspecting and cleaning it the past couple weeks. With the addition of a 1500 gallon tank the plan is to convert it to a water truck.

Public Works has a Ford C4-8000 available. The vehicle has approximately 100,000 miles, automatic transmission and a short wheel base. Used as a paint striping truck it has minimal wear and tear and work make a great addition as a second spray truck. Vic has placed a bid of \$5000.00 for this vehicle. We are waiting for a response from Matt Mahoney.

County Rd – Task 2 has been completed and a check in the amount of \$12,600 received. The ROI for the task is \$3,500.00. Task 3 Assignment has been approved by Fred Bowen. We have a tentative start date of Oct 20; 2015 proposed task is currently under review at public works. A new Interlocal Agreement will be drafted by Matt Mahoney. Vic shared information on a new roadside ordinance that has been adopted by Public Works. The ordinance came about as a result of unsafe conditions because of a corn crop obstructing view of oncoming traffic. The ordinance creates a “clear zone” from the road edge extending 10 feet. It remains to be seen how this ordinance will impact our spray program.

White Bryony Survey Grant – Robin has completed the White bryony survey. WSDA has been billed in the amount of \$4,946.54. This includes 95 hrs. surveying, with Robin hiking some areas, using the pickup in other areas. With Todd's assistance remote areas were accessed using the Gator. Robin's fears were validated. There are many more infestations than the original 5 known sites. At the end of the survey 305 sites have been identified. It is suspected several more sites contain infestations along the Snake River. The nature of White bryony and lack of an effective chemical make control difficult. Robin is in discussion with different individuals in the hopes of using some of the sites as test plots. Tim Miller, herbicide tester for W.S.U. is interested in studies on it to see what does work.

Weed Control letters sent – Todd is coordinating fall spraying at Courtney Callaway & John Long properties for Scotchthistle, Yellowstar, and diffuse. He is waiting for moisture to schedule an exact date. Terrain will dictate whether treatment will be conducted by ground or aerial application.

FCD Cost Share Program – The deadline to sign up for Cost Share is October 17. To date, 14 farms have signed up to participate.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – CWMA Meeting, Oct 14; Franklin Wheat Grower Meeting, Kahlotus Oct 16; Weed Conference, Wenatchee November 5 thru 7-Vic & Todd

Vouchers signed... 14-109-14-119 in the amount of \$7200.10.

Payroll expense September...\$19,282.10

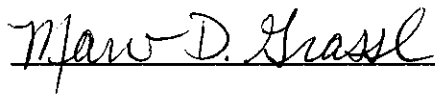
Robin will be on vacation Oct 22-Nov 5

Todd will be on vacation Nov 11-Nov 17

Betsy will be on vacation Nov 14-Nov 21

Next meeting Monday November 17, 2014 1 pm

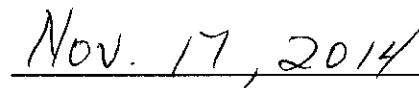
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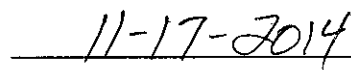
Chairman



Clerk of the Board



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