

FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD

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Minutes

Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting

Monday March 17, 2014

7:00PM

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

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

Minutes from February 18 board meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Dave Beach and a second by Paul Herrmann. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Financial – Review of the February Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2013-2014, Reserve funding.

Meetings & Events Attended – Home & Garden Show February 21 – 23 Pasco, FCWB was received well at The Home and Garden Show. There was steady traffic stopping in the booth over the course of the show. Coordinators Conference March 12-14 (Vic & Robin). Vic and Robin shared their thoughts on the topics discussed at the conference with the Board. Robin shared her knowledge of White Bryony at the conference. As a result several counties are requesting additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

Weed list & Prohibited Plants Synchronization Update—Vic sent a letter to Gene Little regarding FCWB's position on synchronization of the weed list and prohibited plants but has not received a response from Gene Little. He will be sending the letter on to Thurston County.

9554 Update—Todd's truck has been repaired and is back in service.

Newsletter –Robin is continuing to check on pricing for printing and mailing of the newsletter. She has found a company out of Montana that has quoted a very good price on printing. She is also exploring the possibility of inserting the newsletters into the Franklin County Graphic. The Graphic will insert 3000 newsletters in their publication but FCWB would be responsible for printing and folding. This option would distribute the newsletter to the northern part of the county.

WSDA—We have not yet received the paperwork on the survey grant for White Bryony but we have confirmation from Greg Haubrich the paperwork is currently in Olympia for review.

County Rd – The weather has finally begun to cooperate and we have been able to resume the "fall" application. We have completed an additional 271miles since Mar 8 with plans to complete the remaining 200 miles as weather permits. Todd has finished 4979-SP3 and it ready to begin spraying. This will give us two spray trucks for the spring contact application.

BPA—The latest communication from our liaison, Christina Leid requests we do not exceed \$10,000.00 for weed control this year. We began our surveying and treatment last fall. To date \$7,500.00 has been accounted for leaving \$2,500.00. We will be concentrating on high priority lines.

Municipal Meeting—We are coordinating with Dan Dotta on the date for the meeting. Looking at the calendar it appears June will be the best month for the event but the exact date has not yet been determined. The City of Kennewick and other agencies have been inquiring when this event will be held.

Enforcement update—Vic and Robin gave a brief synopsis of staff protocol for establishing an enforcement framework modeled after Lincoln County's. Time frame and turnaround for enforcing were discussed as well as the entities that need to be involved. The consensus of Board members is that the first option is to attempt personal contact with the landowner to resolve the weed problem. Vic also summarized the responsibilities of the Board members in regard to enforcement. The Board requested this information be emailed to them. There is much interest from the Board and staff about developing a website as a tool for publishing educational material. Staff will revisit the possibility of getting a page on the county website.

WDFW-Robin shared that contracts for weed control might be on the forefront. She has been informed by Philip that contracts have been written for FCWB to perform terrestrial weed control and a verbal ok given. Philip dropped off maps of WDFW land. We are anxious to develop a program with them that benefits both agencies and leads to effective noxious weed control.

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Audit Training March 21 (Vic & Betsy), First Aid Training Mar 20(Staff), Farm Fair March 25-26 (Robin & Betsy)

Vouchers Signed... 14-023 through 14-037... \$6,638.16
Payroll expense for February... \$19,242.74

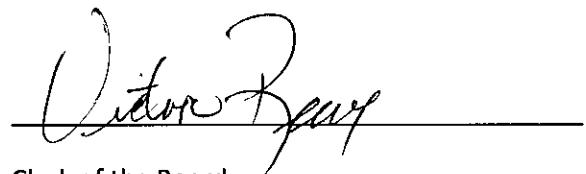
Next meeting Monday April 21, 7 pm

Please call the office or email by 8 am Monday March 17, 2014, if you are unable to attend the meeting.

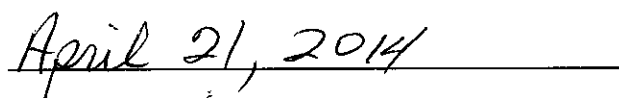
Meeting was adjourned by Marv Grassl at 8:29 P.M.



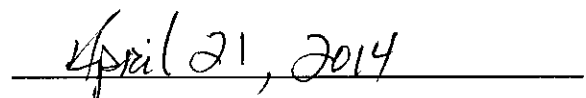
Chairman



Clerk of the Board



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