

# *FRANKLIN COUNTY WEED BOARD*

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## Minutes Franklin County Noxious Weed Control Board Meeting Tuesday February 17, 2015 1:00 PM

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

### OLD BUSINESS

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Chairman Marv Grassl. Board Members present were Vice Chair Dave Beach, Bill Middleton, Terry Utecht, and Paul Herrman. Staff included Vic Reeve, Coordinator; Todd Harris, Lead Inspector and Betsy Crysel, Office Manager. Minutes from January 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes by Terry Utecht with a second by Dave Beach. Motion passed.

**Monthly Financial** – Review of the January Treasurers Report, P&L comparison 2014-2015 and budget update.

**Meetings & Events** attended – Spokane Ag Show Todd, WCIF Betsy & Vic

### NEW BUSINESS

**County Rd** – Todd updated on progress of modifications to SP4. Vic summed up the road side spray program with a breakdown of completed miles. To date, 845 of the 1300 residual, scheduled miles have been completed putting us ahead of where we were this time last year. All gravel roads in the dryland area are complete. As time and weather permit spraying will resume in the irrigated areas. Vic shared information on 2014 spray hours. 952 man hours went toward completing 2014 Tasks 1, 2, and 3.

**WA State Parks** – Todd has received verbal confirmation that the contracts for noxious weed control and residual work have been accepted. We are still waiting to receive written confirmation.

**BPA** – We are still waiting for new contract person to be announced.

**WSDFW** – We received a visit from Phillip Buser inviting FCWB to participate on an advisory board for WSDFW managed lands included in the Sunnyside/Snake River area. The advisory board will consist of public and stakeholder groups representative of the varied interests in management of the lands. Advisory board participants will contribute ideas to wildlife area management plans. Initial participation will be via email.

**McNairy Wildlife Refuge** – We received a call from Lamont Glass asking for assistance in control of noxious weeds. The work entailed is beyond our scope so we have sent the 2015 applicator list to him.

**Job Description** – Betsy presented the Inspector job announcement and job description for Board Members to review. Suggestions from Board Members to rephrase language will be made.

**Meeting with Commissioner** – Vic has spoken with Commissioner Bob Koch about the possibility of an assessment increase for 2016. We have arranged a meeting with the Commissioner's for March 4<sup>th</sup>. Vic will present a historical analysis of income and expenses, employee salaries, and assessment increases. A roadside spray program update and Board Member re-appointment will also be presented.

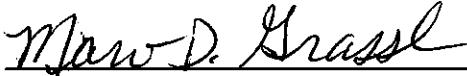
**Staff hours/Salary Matrix** – Staff has been keeping track of hours worked since January 26<sup>th</sup>. This information was used in an exercise to demonstrate cost to the Weed Board for hours worked beyond a traditional 40 hour work week.

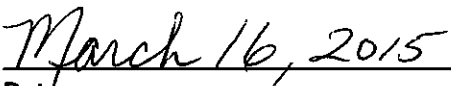
**Expiring Board Members March 1, 2015 – Marv, Terry, Bill** --- Forms will be filled out to be presented at the Commissioner meeting for re-appointment.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** –Home & Garden Show February 20-22 Pasco, Master Gardener March 3 Richland, Grower Meeting March 5 Kahlotus, Coordinators Conference March 11-13 Chelan - all, State Auditors Annual Report Training – Betsy, March 18


**Sign Vouchers ....** Vouchers 15-010-15-026 signed in the amount of \$30, 197.76  
**January payroll....** \$24,407.28

**Next meeting Monday March 16, 2015 7 PM (TIME CHANGE)**

  
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Chairman

  
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