

Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 21, 2019

7:00 PM

Location: Weed Board Office 1908 Butler Loop Richland, WA

Regular monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Danny Downs at 7:00 pm. Directors present were Tony Smith, and Dave Owens. Staff present were Vic Reeve, Luis Villalobos and Holly Kress.

Next Board Meeting to be held Tuesday June 18, 2019.

Meetings and events attended – Air Quality Workshop April 18, County Well - Salmon Summit, April 23&24 – Kennewick, SAO Report May 1 – Richland - Richland Parks May 3, Benton Conservation May 8

Holly Kress gave further dialog on how Salmon Summit went.

Discussion on the SAO report was addressed next. No issues were found and BCNWCB was able to submit the same day as the training.

Vic Reeve had a successful meeting with Richland Parks Managers. Some work as already been done on Scotch Thistle.

Holly Kress attended the Benton County Conservation meeting.

Review the April 16, 2019 Minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Tony Smith with a second by Dave Owens to approve April minutes. Motion carries 3-0.

Review checks to be approved

Approve checks for May 2019 -- #1490 thru #1499 = \$5,206.37

Payroll for April 2019 – Direct Deposit = \$21,067.89

Motion: A motion was made by Dave Owens with a second by Tony Smith to approve May checks. Motion carries 3-0.

April Financial Report (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and Budget Status)

Existing Projects Report

Roadside – 130 hrs. = \$8,450 / Gravel Pits 37 hrs. = \$2,400

Spring work done for now, may have follow-up work later.

Public Works has been invoiced for work done in spring.

BPA Contract – Do as much surveying as possible before fire season / 63 hrs.

Holly Kress gave a report on the BPA survey findings. All in all the lines are pretty clean but there were a few spots of yellowstar thistle and rush skeletonweed found that we plan to treat.

Candy Mt. – completed & paid. Konrad attending F.O.B.M board meeting tonight to give a report of completed work.

Plymouth Park – completed & paid. Campground is now open for use.

WSDOT assessment – refuse to pay current charges. Discussion ensued with updates on the current status of this issue within the state. We have removed parcels for now but will not remove them indefinitely. This will be ongoing.

City of Richland – working with Paul Pardini, maintenance lead.

City of West Richland – aquatic work, Park at the Lake algae treatment.

New 3-year Lease – increase from \$1200 to \$1300, with same weed control agreement. First option on property next door.

May / June Projects –

Local Agency Contacts – **Richland Parks, Benton Co. FSA ...** Vic

Develop a vehicle service and safety program --- **ongoing ...** Luis

Survey and Information sharing about **Ravenna Grass, Myrtle Spurge ...** Konrad & Luis

Municipal Meeting June 18, Pasco...Vic & Holly

Commissioner Report ... Vic & Holly


Weed Board signage Vic

Motion: A motion was made by Dave Owens with a second by Tony Smith to approve weed board signage up to \$1,000.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Memorial Day May 27, Benton Wheat Growers June 4, Municipal Meeting June 18

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 pm


Chairman 6/18/19
Date


Clerk of the Board 6-18-2019
Date