Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

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2020 Public Weed List Hearing and Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Tuesday February 18, 2020 6:00 PM

Regular monthly meeting was called to order by chairman Danny Downs at 7:00 pm. Directors present were Tony Smith, Darrell Miles and Dave Owens via phone call. Staff present were, Luis Villalobos, Konrad Kauer, Victor Reeve and Holly Kress. One guest present-Cheryl Faralee interested in area 2 board member position.

Next Board Meeting to be held Tuesday March 17th, 2020.

2020 Benton Co. Weed List Hearing

6 pm – Chairman Danny Downs Opens 2020 Public Weed List Hearing. Directors present were Tony Smith and Darrell Miles. Staff present were, Luis Villalobos, Konrad Kauer, Victor Reeve and Holly Kress. One guest present- Cheryl Farabee interested in area 2 board member position.

Konrad Kauer presents 2020 Benton County Noxious Weed List
Discussion of 2020 changes to the WA State Noxious Weed List

Motion to approve 2020 Benton County Noxious Weed List. A motion was made by
Tony Smith with a Second by Darrell Miles to approve the 2020 Benton County Weed List.

Motion carries 2-0.

6:45 pm - Chairman Danny Downs Closes 2020 Public Weed List Hearing

Regular Monthly Meeting

7 pm – Chairman Danny Downs calls February regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm Visitor, Board Member & Staff Introductions

Meetings and events attended – Native Plant Society Presentation Feb 5 CBC - Vic, Vic's vacation days Feb. 13-14, Holiday Feb. 17, Rosa Irrigation Feb. 18, Sunnyside – Konrad

Review the January 11, 2019 Minutes.

<u>Motion</u> to approve Minutes. A motion was made by Tony Smith with a second by Darrell Miles. Motion carries 3-0.

Review checks to be approved

Approve checks for February 2020 -- #1584 thru #1594 = \$9,113.16

Payroll for January 2020 – Direct Deposit = \$22,006.18

Motion to approve February checks was made by Darrell Miles with a second by Tony Smith.

Motion carries 3-0.

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

Board Action...

<u>Motion</u> to approve revised Coordinator Job Description as presented was made by Darrell Miles with a second by Dave Owens. Motion carries 3-0.

<u>Motion</u> to approve Coordinator selection and job offer was made by Darrell Miles with a second by Dave Owens. Motion carries 3-0.

<u>Motion</u> to approve revised Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board Policy Manual was made by Darrell Miles with a second by Tony Smith. Motion carries 3-0.

Current Projects Report

Fair Grounds – Residual product being applied - about done one day left to complete project.

Public Works – met again with new management, no gravel roads to be sprayed this spring (none were sprayed fall of 2019). We will finish fall residual application ASAP (only paved roads). Begin spring applications of pre-emergent mid-March if possible, with a plan of completion first week of April. Reduced spray miles will reduce income.

New Opportunities --- Application for WSDA grant for Flowering Rush Class A.

March Projects – Board member term resolutions, find an Area 2 board member, Konrad training, BPA work

Upcoming Meetings & Events –Home & Garden Show Feb. 21-23 Pasco, RDO presentation Feb 28 - Kennewick, Small Farm presentation Feb 29 - Kennewick, Board Member resolutions to Commissioners March 10 Prosser, Coordinator Conference March 11-13 Chelan, Rare Plant Care meeting March 14 – Burbank.

Please contact the office if you are unable to attend. 509-943-6005

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

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