

Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday March 17, 2020

7:00 PM

Location: Weed Board Office 1841 Terminal Dr. Richland, WA

Executive Session Chairman Danny Downs called an executive board meeting to be held prior to the regular monthly board meeting to discuss personnel matters. Called to order at 6:00 pm and closed at 6:30 pm.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Chairman Danny Downs called the February regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board member present is Darrell Miles attending by telephone is Tony Smith. Staff present Vic Reeve and Konrad Kauer.

Next Board Meeting to be held Tuesday April 21, 2020.

Meetings and events attended – 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.

Review the February 18, 2020 Minutes.

Motion to approve February 18, 2020 made by Darrell Miles with a seconded by Tony Smith. Motion carries. 3-0

Review checks to be approved

Approve checks for March 2020 -- #1595 thru #1606 = \$7,369.81

Reimbursement for DOT Physical - Konrad

Payroll for February 2020 – Direct Deposit = \$23,070.16

Motion to approve March checks made by Darrell Miles with a seconded by Tony Smith. Motion carries. 3-0

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

No assessment money in January or February but has started in March.

Cash flow is following projections.

Coordinator position

Motion made by Darrell Miles with second by Tony Smith to amend the coordinator compensation to Konrad Kauer to read:

\$48,000 starting with an increase to \$50,000 after six month probation and satisfactory review from the Board of Directors. Motion carries. 3-0

Coordinator Conference Report – Konrad Kauer told the board about information shared at the recent coordinator conference that Luis and Holly also attended. This is an excellent opportunity to network with folks from all areas of the State to discuss noxious weeds and weed control. Attendance was down from the West Side Counties due to Coronavirus outbreak.

Current Projects Report

Board Director terms – March 10th Directors from Areas 1, 4 and 5 were reappointed by the Benton County Board of Commissioners for a new 4-year term ending in 2024. Congratulations and thank you to Darrell Miles Area 1, Danny Downs Area 4 and Dave Owens Area 5 for your commitment!

Cheryl Farabee has shown an interest in serving as Director from Area 2, but after further review resides in Area 3. The search will continue.

Fair Grounds – Fall residual application covered 72 acres and took 62.5 combined hours. Cost of chemicals and wages will leave \$2,300 for monitoring thru the season.

Public Works – Working with Doug D'Hondt to use current inventory of fall chemicals. Previous fall treated paved roads will be treated as soon as weather permits, no gravel or additional roads will be sprayed with residual product this spring.

Once we have treated approximately 150 paved shoulder miles, Public Works will be doing their own roadside spray program.

Corp of Engineers – Plymouth Park spring application has been done and invoiced.
(This will be the first credit card payment for work done)

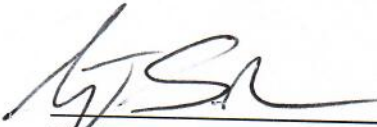
New Opportunities --- September of 2019 we applied for funding from BLM & WSDA to treat "Noxious Weeds" (Yellow Starthistle) on BLM land in the City of W. Richland. BCNWCB has been notified funding has been approved, the amount is not yet known. The original request was for \$10,149.00.


Application for US Forestry Grant administered through WSDA funding to treat Class A Flowering Rush located on an inaccessible portion of the Yakima River from Prosser Dam to Chandler Power Plant. Application plan has a total cost estimate of \$10,000, with BCNWCB contributing a 50% match in kind of up to \$5,000. Staff was notified at the Coordinator Conference that BCNWCB funding request has been selected the amount has not been announced.

March Projects – Roadside applications will start March 16 as weather permits.

Several events have been canceled, staff will be follow official health sanctions by state and local governments regarding the Coronavirus outbreak.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Finish fall roadside applications, // Salmon Summit April 28-29, // Heritage Garden booth. Kennewick May 2, // Tapteal event May 2 Claybell Park, Richland // Konrad Supervisor training May 12, Kennewick // Benton Co. Wheat Growers field June


Chairman
Date May 19, 2020


Clerk of the Board
Date 5-19-2020