

Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday February 15, 2018 7:00 PM

Location: Weed Board Office 1908 Butler Loop Richland, WA

Meeting was called to order by chairman Danny Downs at 7:03 pm.

Directors present were Tony Smith, Darrell Miles, Jerald Sanders and Dave Owens via telephone. Staff present Vic Reeve and Konrad Kauer. Special guest and potential director for Area 2 Nick Troy was also present.

Next Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday March 20, 2018.

Meetings and events attended – Presentation at Wilbur Ellis grower meeting Kennewick 1/23, Friends of Badger Mt. annual meeting Richland 1/27, Roza Irrigation meeting 2/14

Election of Officers – Each year new board officers are elected. Dave Owens nominated the 2018 officers as follows --- Chairman Danny Downs - Vice Chairman Tony Smith and Auditor Darrell Miles. A unanimous ballot has been cast for the 2018 Board officers.

Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting was called by Chairman Danny Downs on February 5, 2018 for the purchase and payment of a used 2014 Dodge pickup.

Motion to approve made by Tony Smith with second by Dave Owens. Motion carries 5-0

Review the January 16, 2018 Minutes – Motion to approve the January 16, 2018 minutes was made by Jerald Sanders with second by Darrell Miles. Motion carries 5-0

Review January financial reports --- (Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and Budget Status)

Motion to approve the financial report made by Jerald Sanders with second by Dave Owens. Motion carries 5-0.

February 2018 – Checks #1328 thru #1339 = \$6,082.15 (large purchase credit card – Kubota windshield \$496.17, Advertising \$909.05, copier toner \$500, CDL \$400 = \$2300)

Motion to approve checks to be paid made by Jerald Sanders with second by Darrell Miles.

Motion carries. 5-0

Payroll for January 2018 – Direct Deposit = \$15,946.51

Public Hearing – Benton County Noxious Weed List hearing

7:25 pm Chairman Danny Downs recessed the monthly meeting and opened the 2018 public hearing to approve the 2018 Weed List for Benton County

Konrad Kauer gave a presentation on five new weeds that have been added or have had a classification change for 2018. Discussion followed. By unanimous decision the Board of Directors approve the 2018 Weed List for Benton County.

7:40 pm Chairman Danny Downs closed the public hearing and reconvened the monthly board meeting.

Area #2 Director Jerald Sanders will be leaving the board at the end of his current term 3-16-2018. Nick Troy will be presented to the Commissioners March 13, 2018 for appointment as the new director for Area 2.

Area #3 Director Tony Smith has requested to be re-appointed at the end of his current term 3-16-2018.

Benton Public Works County Roads – Inter-Local agreement – Task 1 & 2 have been signed by the Commissioners at the January 30 meeting. Now the weed board will be able begin developing a plan of work and get staff in place.

Employee Status ... Ashley Lango last work day was January 31, 2018. Ashley's last paycheck and employer liability for vacation and sick leave was also pay out on January 31, 2018.

Board was given an update on the employee search for an inspector / applicator as well as a office manager.

Office manager applications were closed at 71 applicants, January 31.

A list of office managers applicants was discussed with board members.

Inspector position application was closed February 9.

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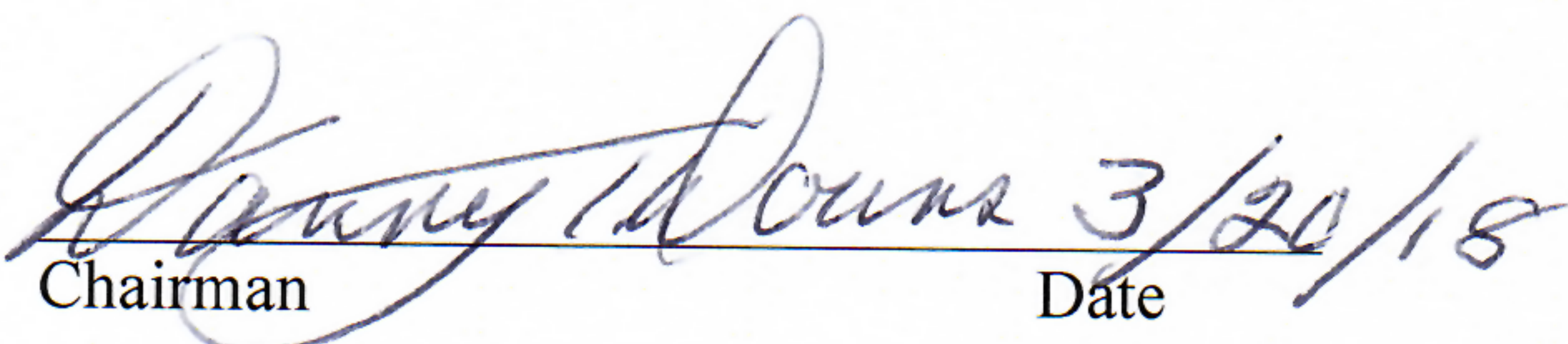
Interviews will be scheduled for March 5-6 and or March 12-13.

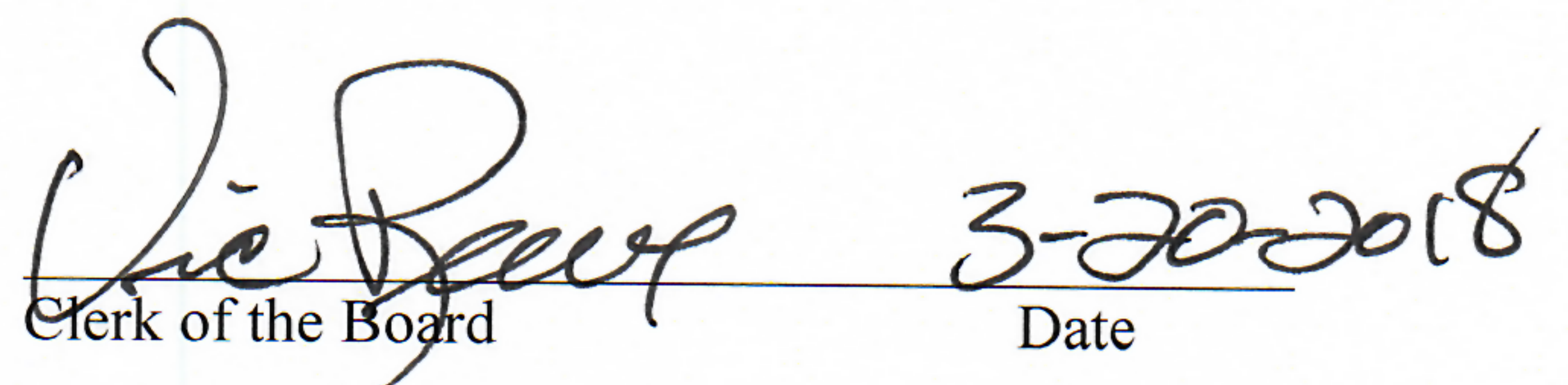
Vic will begin scheduling one-hour interview with the applicants.

Motion to approve the surplus of a 1996 Dodge pickup was made by Tony Smith with a second by Darrel Miles. Motion carries 4-0. Vic will contact Booker Auction Company to include the pickup at the March 9, 2018 surplus auction held in Eltopia WA.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Konrad CDL Training February 5-9 and February 19-20, Home & Garden Show Feb 23-25, Flowering Rush Conference Feb 27-28 Spokane

Meeting Adjourned 8:49pm.


Chairman Date


Clerk of the Board Date