



Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board
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Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

Tuesday June 19, 2018

7:00 PM

Location: Weed Board Office 1908 Butler Loop Richland, WA

Call to order at 7:00 pm

Next Board Meeting to be held July 17, 2018.

Meetings and events attended – Flowering Rush – Umatilla May 14, Benton Conservation - May 16,

Review the May 15, 2018 Minutes.

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

June 2018 – Checks to be approved # 1369 thru # 1381 = \$4,613.39

Payroll for May 2018 – Direct Deposit = \$17,196.81

Benton Public Works County Roads – June 4th the Weed Board was asked to finish all the unsprayed roads in the County. We now have access to both trucks and can work out of the Prosser shop. That is going to be more difficult than it sounds due to the time frame and weather, Glyphosate is about the only weapon that we have. We have invoiced Public Works for \$11,900, 207 hours.

Employee Reports ... Konrad – Roadside report, Holly – Office & Website information, Luis – CDL & Pesticide licensing, roadside applications.

Projects Report

Roadside – I will be working with the road dept. about a commitment of some kind for 2019-2020. Acres to date are 371, 65 hours of spray time with 198 hours of “other activities”.

Candy Mt. -- Konrad & Luis did a day of spraying June 6 for Yellowstar thistle.

West Richland --- “park at the lakes” --- algae treatment was done on June 7, this require one more treatment 14 days later.

Paul Keith Wetland --- this is an ongoing problem, there is little that we can do to remedy this situation. The wetland is a source of mosquitoes that the Mosquito board is unable to treat due to the lack of open water. The only action that the weed board can provide is to hire a helicopter to treat the area with herbicide throughout the year. The desired result would be eliminating the Phragmites, however it is doubtful that it will provide the open water required. This needs to be a restoration project.

Wheat Growers Meeting – Thanks to Tony Smith, I was able to take Holly to the Benton Co. Wheat Growers meeting / WSU field day event. This is a good opportunity to be face to face with local farmers to hear their concerns and explain the weed boards involvement with weed control in the county. It was particularly good to hear Shon Small say that the weed board does have a purpose.

2019-2020 Budget discussion.

Walla Walla Cereal Rye Letter & Resolution – in response to the grower's complaint Walla Walla will be developing a Cereal Rye Policy.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Benton Conservation June 20, Invasive Species June 21
Spokane, Vic off June 21, July 4 Holiday, Konrad Vacation July 5&6, Rancho Reata event July 7

Vic requests vacation time August 30 thru Sept 7 --- six days.