

Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board
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Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda

Tuesday May 15, 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 June 19, 2018.

Meetings and events attended – Salmon Summit April 24-25, WA Fish & Wildlife May 3
Prosser, State Auditor Annual report training Dayton April 24, WSWA Board meeting Ellensburg
May 11

Review the April 17, 2018 Minutes.

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

April 2018 – Checks #1348 thru #1358 = \$5,701.31

Payroll for March 2018 – Direct Deposit = \$11,375.41

Benton Public Works County Roads – April 18th was the first day of spraying. As of 5-8 we have 131 hrs. of spray time and 10 hrs. of Admin. time worth \$6900. By board meeting time we will have completed our initial tasks and will begin doing additional work.

Employee Status ... Holly Kress is learning her new position quickly and blending her experience with weed ID and control with office management skills. Luis Villalobos has completed training and passed his Commercial Drivers test with a 94%. Luis is now training with Konrad in the spray truck and will start spraying on his own this week if possible. We are putting together a good working staff.

Candy Mt. On May 5th Benton Weed Board hosted a training session for volunteers that are working on Candy Mt. preserve. The meeting was a success in several ways. Educating about noxious weeds and general weed control was one component, a backpack application and calibration demonstration was another. Mapping and accountability was also included during the meeting.

State Weed Board Executive Director Alison Halpern has resigned.

Walla Walla letter & Resolution

Several of our meetings and events have produced activities for weed board staff. These include land owner visitation, test plot opportunities and events requests.

Upcoming Meetings & Events – Flowering Rush – Umatilla May 14, Benton Conservation -
Barker Ranch May 16, Memorial Day Holiday May 28