

Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 15, 2018

7:00 PM

Location: Weed Board Office 1908 Butler Loop Richland, WA

Meeting was called to order by chairman Danny Downs at 6:58 pm. Directors present were Tony Smith, Darrell Miles, Dave Owens and Nick Troy. Staff present were Vic Reeve, Holly Kress and Luis Villalobos.

Next Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday June 19, 2018.

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

Review the April 17, 2018 Minutes- Motion to approve the April 17, 2018 minutes was made by Darrel with second by Nick Troy. Motion carries 5-0.

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

May 2018 – Checks #1359 thru #1368 = \$6646.11

Motion to approve checks to be paid made by Nick Troy with second by Darrell Miles. Motion carries 5-0

Payroll for April 2018 – Direct Deposit = \$11,678.77

Motion to approve payroll for April 2018 made by Tony Smith with second by Nick Troy motion carries 5-0.

Benton Public Works County Roads- April 18th was the first day of spraying. As of 5-3 we have 100 hrs. of spray time. By board meeting time we will have completed our initial tasks and will begin doing additional work—Discussion of staying out of the Prosser shop followed. We will have access to a one ton to help refill the Kennewick truck. Task revisit to add Benton City.

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 Driver's 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.

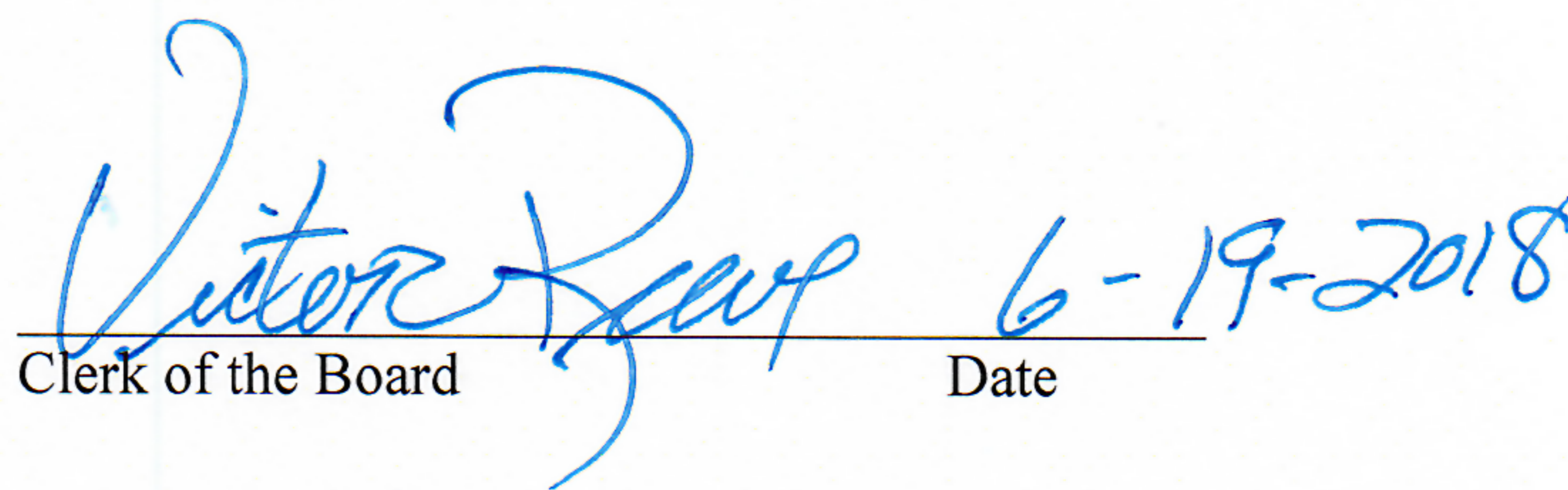
**State Weed Board Executive Director Alison Halpern has resigned
Walla Walla letter & Resolution**

Several of our meetings and events have produced activities for weed board staff. These include land owner visitation, test plot opportunities and event requests—We have a lot of phone calls coming in by landowners/ neighboring landowners wanting identification and advice on weed control. We hope to set up several test plots. Things are a brewing hold on to your hats!

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:54 pm.


Chairman Date


Clerk of the Board Date