

# WEED BOARD MEETING

117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers October 10, 2024 at 7:00 AM

# **AGENDA**

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and approval of Weed Board Minutes from September 26th, 2024

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

#### **BUSINESS/ACTION**

#### WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of October Weed Supervisors Report

#### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **ADJOURN**

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# Weed Board Meeting Minutes September26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### 1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 8:01 am on September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## 2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Erin Pettit, Kyle Fullmer, Fred Snyder, Cade Lewis, Blake Peterson, Charlie Tracy, Don Andrews, Todd Adair and Frank Smith.

# 3) Approval of Agenda

Dennis Gines made a motion to approve the agenda. Blake Peterson seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members present.

# 4) Approval of Minutes

Cade Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. Blake Peterson seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members present.

#### 5) Citizens Comments

Kyle Fullmer and Fred Snyder spoke about multiple weed issues in the farmlands East of Monticello and about how these issues affect the spread of weeds to other properties. They encouraged the weed board and weed department to pursue remedies as specified in the Utah Weed Act.

# 6) Supervisor Report

Frank Smith reported that he sent out 8 additional weed control letters on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He reported that five of the eight letter recipients had resolved their weed issues in response to the letters. Three of the letter recipients had not yet resolved their issues. Frank reported that Don Andrews had applied 800 gallons of herbicide to noxious weeds in the Sand Island BLM camping area. He reported that the bulk of the season will be dedicated to spraying along the San Juan River in support of our ongoing grant project. Frank also reported that the final revisions of control letters and the County weed ordinance will be completed once the spray season ends.

# 7) Business/Action

Multiple ideas were discussed about the contents of the secondary control letters content including contact info licensed sprayers in San Juan County.

#### 8) Next Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## 9) Adjourn

Cade Lewis made a motion to adjourn and Blake Peterson seconded and the board adjourned with approval from all members present.

# Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- On October 3<sup>rd</sup> I sent a certified control letter to Vernon Butt for the bindweed issues in his 1100 acre plot North of county road 334.
- As of Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, the field South of the Monticello Port of Entry belonging to Robert Anderson has been partially disked and it appears that both it and the field belonging to Sue Halliday to the West of Robert Andersons field are in the process of being disked by the Halls who are currently the contracted farmers on these plots.
- As the spray season is nearly over Don Andrews and I are spending as much time as possible spraying in the riparian areas along the San Juan River in support of the San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian knapweed grant project. This project has made a huge impact in the total amount of Russian knapweed in these areas. Several hundred acres previously infested areas are now returning to a more natural state including significant native grass growth in many of the areas. Camelthorn in these riparian areas is at a point of control that eradication may be possible over the next few years through ongoing maintenance treatment of the areas that were previously inundated with Camelthorn.
- When the spray season ends I will work with the county attorney to finalize our official weed control letters and submit them to the weed board for input and final approval. I will also seek input on the proposed changes to the San Juan County weed ordinance and ask for any other proposed changes before we seek final approval from the weed board and the county commission.
- I will begin researching the possibility of the purchasing a new spray truck to replace our aging 2001 Dodge Ram, go anywhere, spray rig. I believe it is imperative that we purchase a vehicle that can haul up to a 400 gallon tank and still have the capability to handle rough roads and sand without getting stuck. Our 2017 Ford F450 has a highway hauler configuration and is prone to getting stuck in loose dirt situations. Our next truck will need to be as capable as the old Dodge to fit our needs.