



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
February 01, 2024 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF WEED BOARD MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2023

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2023

1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:22 am on September 14th, 2023.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Cade Lewis, Charlie Tracy and Frank Smith.

3) Approval of Agenda

Cade Lewis made a motion to approve the agenda. Dennis Gines seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members.

4) Approval of Minutes

Charlie Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes. Cade Lewis seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members.

5) Citizens Comments

No Citizen comments were submitted or relayed to anyone present at the meeting.

6) Supervisor Report

Frank reported that we completed and billed the USFS BIL grant for \$24,000 we received this year. He noted that 16 weed control letters were sent but only 4 recipients responded. He noted that we will receive \$2000.00 from Monticello city for herbicides to spray the Airport and Golf Course. He noted that we have made significant improvements in vegetation control at the various county properties. He noted that it may be time to explore options to replace the Dodge 2500 spray rig as it is reaching the end of its useful life.

7) Business/Action

8) Next Meeting

November 2nd, 2023

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report

Weed Board Meeting

February 1st, 2024

Item 2.

- The UDAF grant opportunity for 2025-25 will be opened in mid-February. I intend to apply for a continuing grant for our San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed project. This year I intend to extend the project to BLM riparian areas East of Bluff. This includes an area known as Sacred Mountain which is approximately 1000 acres of dense live and dead tamarisk. In addition to the Russian Knapweed I will add treatment of Phragmites (Common Reed) stands that usually occur directly adjacent to the river. We will also spray select stands of Tamarisk late in the season as this is the best time for treatment of this species. I will also apply for a grant to continue our spray days program with a plan to expand the giveaway to 2 events in 2024.
- For all of the persons that did not respond to the control letters I sent last summer I will send a follow up letter that explains their responsibility to control weeds. I will make it clear that next year they will be the subjects of increased scrutiny for enforcement. Next year I intend to send initial notices of control to everyone that has had a previous weed issue over the last several years.
- We received a special grant in 2023 from the US forest service and UDAF as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. This grant provided us with \$22,000 in extra revenue for this year. Brittany Duncan combined data from her recently completed 5 year study in Camelthorn areas on Guymon ranch and San Juan Hill with our information and pictures we provided. The report is very informative and is a great assessment of the control success we have achieved in these areas. Copies of this report will be provided at the weed board meeting.
- After 5 years our BLM contract has expired. This contract provide the weed department with \$13,000.00 of revenue per year. Tina Marian has taken over Nephi Noyes position at the BLM. I am currently working Tina to secure a new multiple year contract with BLM. I hope we are awarded a large yearly amount for the new contract but at this point there will ever be another contract. If we do not receive a new BLM contract I will try to recover this revenue through our San Juan River UDAF ISM grant and a small grant from the Utah Weed Supervisors Association (UWSA).
- Last season was very productive season for our San Juan River project. We were able to spray approximately 20% more dense Russian Knapweed patches than in any previous year. This was accomplished by just 2 people as my second seasonal employee left unexpectedly early at the end of last July. We did however discover a significant presence of Camelthorn in an area it was not previously present on San Juan Hill during our last few days of the season. This season we will focus more treatment days on the San Juan Hill area early in the spray season.