



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
April 06, 2023 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CITIZEN COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from March 9th, 2023

BUSINESS/ACTION

2. Consideration and Approval of April Weed Supervisors Report

WEED SUPERVISOR REPORT

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
March 9th, 2023

1) Call To Order

Dennis Gines began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:15 am on March 9th, 2023.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Zack Johnson, Blake Peterson and Frank Smith

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes

Dennis Gines made a motion to approve the minutes. Zack Johnson 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 UDAF grants were open and need to be submitted by the end of March. Frank noted that UDAF reinstated the 20% reduction from last year's San Juan River grant for a total of \$13,500 in additional grant funding. Frank reported that he attended the annual UWCA conference in St. George in late February. Frank mentioned that he found the current Navajo Nation weed control plan and plans to contact the representative indicated in the plan for coordination on the San Juan River project. It was reported that the County Administration and commission di a pay equity review which has resulted in higher seasonal employee pay. He noted he was working on an enforcement SOP to present to the board at a future meeting.

7) Business/Action

Compensation for weed board members was discussed and it was established that some compensation would be a means to repay board members for their travel expenses and time.

8) Next Meeting

April 6th, 2023

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report
Weed Board Meeting
March 9th, 2023

- UDAF offered us a \$24,000 USFS BIL grant that is specified for riparian areas. I have filed the grant and we were awarded the additional \$24,000. This was a unique situation in which allotted money had not been assigned so as we have a riparian area project we were one of 2 counties to receive these non-competitive grants. All of this grant funding will be spent of herbicide purchases for this spray season.
- I have filed 2 grants under the usual UDAF noxious weed program. Both grants are continuation of our ongoing San Juan River and Spray Days Projects. I have request a total of \$100,000 between the 2 grants. With this boost in funding we will be able to afford more large area boom spraying of the continuing Russian knapweed infestation along the San Juan River. We will also be able to cover at least 2 spray day's events in the county.
- The Utah Weed Supervisors Association (UWSA) is interested in having their annual meeting in San Juan County this year. Their main interest is in viewing the Camelthorn plants we have along the San Juan River as this is the only location these plants have been identified in Utah. The biggest issue with this visit is finding examples of camelthorn that can be accessed using just pickups. Most of the current camelthorn is only accessible by UTV. So I am tasked with finding an example we can access else there really is no reason to have the meeting here.
- We will begin advertising for our seasonal weed sprayer position next week. I will contact Don Andrews next week as well to find out if he intends to work this spray season. With the more competitive starting pay rate we should have a better chance of getting two employees this year. We will offer a clothing and boot allotment as we have done in previous years. This includes long sleeve shirt, jeans and waterproof work boots. This year we will also be able to pay the seasonal employees a \$20 monthly phone stipend as the employees are expected to use their phones to map weed occurrences using the EDD Maps Pro Invasive species database system. Employees will also be compensated for the fees required to obtain a Utah State Non-Commercial pesticide applicator license.
- With the additional funding we have received for the San Juan River project I have a goal of working along the river 2 days of each week during the spray season. With the amount of snowfall and water we have received this winter it may be difficult to meet this goal along the river as we may see a significant increase in noxious weeds along Right-of-ways.