



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
May 04, 2023 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from April 6th, 2023

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISOR REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of May Weed Supervisors Report

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
April 6th, 2023

1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:16 am on April 6th, 2023.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Cade Lewis, Charlie Tracy, Blake Peterson 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.

4) Approval of Minutes

Dennis Gines made a motion to approve the minutes. Blake Peterson 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 were awarded a special grant from the USFS through the UDAF. He reported that he has filed 2 grant with the UDAF ISM program, totaling \$100,000. He reported that the UWSA is interested in having its yearly training here in San Juan County. They ant to see Camelthorn and San Juan county is the only place in Utah it is currently found. Frank reported that the weed sprayer position will be advertised soon. Frank reported that with our extra influx of funding he plans to spend 2 days a week working the river project.

7) Business/Action

8) Next Meeting

April 6th, 2023

9) Adjourn

Blake Peterson 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
May 4th,2023

- Both of the UDAF grants submitted were approved at the requested amount of \$100,000. After a \$5000 cut for our fiscal agent we will receive \$95,000 total. The San Juan river project will receive \$62,000 in funding and the Spray days project will be funded at \$33,000. So this year we will receive the aforementioned \$95,000, \$22,000 from the USFS, \$13,400 returned to last years grant and \$13,000 from the BLM contract for a grand total of \$143,400 of total revenue for 2023. This is approximately 40% more revenue than we have ever received previously.
- Don Andrews will be returning for the 2023 season next Monday, May 8th. He will be payed a much higher salary this year as the counties pay equity program resulted in a much higher and more competitive starting pay for our seasonal weed sprayer positions. They considered the position worthy of higher pay as an employee is required to obtain a Weed Applicators license as a condition for keeping the job. It also requires significant training to be able to actively identify Utah Noxious weeds present in the county. The second position has a motivated applicant that worked for Todd in the road department in previous years. We will almost certainly be fully staffed this year.
- As I will have not have to spray full time this year I will be able to pursue a lot more enforcement and outreach work. I plan to work closer with Monticello and Blanding cities to coordinate and assist any weed spraying efforts they may have. We already have good communication with the city of Bluff and their Mayor, Anne Leppanen, has been a great advocate for weed control in Bluff.
- For the last couple of years we have a large infestation of Canada Thistle and Russian Knapweed at Loyds lake. This year, thanks to the excellent high water levels all of the areas infested last year are flooded by several feet of water.
- With the wet winter I expect to see a lot more Right-of-way weed presence than in previous years. I do believe that we have done good enough work over the last several years that we may have mitigated some of the likelihood of any huge infestation as we have seen in past wet years.