



## **WEED BOARD MEETING**

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers  
August 05, 2021 at 7:00 AM**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from July 1st, 2021

#### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

#### **UPDATE ON CURRENT SPRAY EFFORTS**

2. Consideration and Approval of August Weed Supervisors Report

#### **BUSINESS/ACTION**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **ADJOURN**

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**1) Call To Order**

Blaine Nebeker began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Department at 7:10 am on July 1st, 2021.

**2) Roll Call**

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Blaine Nebeker, Cade Lewis and Frank Smith.

**3) Approval of Agenda**

Blaine Nebeker made a motion to approve the agenda. Cade Lewis 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. Blaine Nebeker seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members present.

**5) Citizens Comments**

Cade Lewis noted that the land around the airport in Monticello has a significant weed issue that needs addressed.

**6) Supervisor Report**

Frank reported that we are asking the commission for a budget adjustment from \$75,747 to \$116,000 to represent our revenue and cover personnel and chemical for the rest of the season. Frank reported that we are using alternatives to Milestone to spray ROW's as the budget is very low. Frank noted that our spray day events were not very successful and that we plan to have a second event. The report noted that we will begin spraying vegetation around delineators, guardrails and catleguards in support of road department mowing effort. It was reported that the weed department assisted 3 UDAF researchers to access test plots on San Juan Hill. It was noted that a list of persons with bindweed issues was submitted for board review.

**7) Business/Action**

The board members discussed several properties that have had weed issues in the past and will likely have issues again this year. These included properties owned by the Knubels and the fields near Monticello Airport which are owned by the city.

**8) Next Meeting**

Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**9) Adjourn**

Cade Lewis made a motion to adjourn and Blake Peterson seconded and the meeting adjourned.

## Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 08/05/21

- We have been granted our budget modification from \$75,747 to \$117,000 total. This additional money will allow us to cover salary and wages for the rest of the year. It will also allow us to purchase the additional herbicide we need to complete the season and meet the goals specified in our grant projects.
- We plan to spend an additional 10 to 15 days at sites along the San Juan River in support of our San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed project grant. We still have a significant amount of camelthorn present in the San Juan Hill riparian area. While we were able to eliminate camelthorn from one heavily infested area we are seeing surges in other areas at the site. As camelthorn is the highest priority weed we currently have in the county we will commit 2/3<sup>rds</sup> of our San Juan River spraying to San Juan Hill.
- We had our second spray day event in Monticello and Blanding on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>. We were able to distribute significantly more herbicide at this second event. A combination of posting the event on facebook, earlier publication in the newspaper and posting flyers in several places around Monticello and Blanding seemed to really get the word out. We will likely offer a second event for Bluff and La Sal later in August or early in September. Between the two spray day events we were able to distribute the amounts of herbicide we need to meet the goals of our spray day grant. We will try to expand this program next year through a larger grant and perhaps a sprayer loan program.
- We will begin vegetation control on ROW's as the county begins to mow the shoulders of county roads. Our focus will be delineators, cattle guards and guardrails. Later in the season the road department will begin cutting rabbit brush and we will follow up with Tordon which should eventually eliminate rabbit brush from guardrails and cattle guards.
- With the recent rains we are starting to see a resurgence of weeds along Right-of-ways throughout the county. We treated a significant amount Bindweed in the burn scar area along Pack Creek Ranch road. We will keep an eye on this new growth as it has the potential to explode and spread all along the pack creek burn area. When we treated it last week it ended up raining heavily that night and likely limited the effect our treatment had. We will do all we can to keep this from becoming a weed explosion.
- I have sent out multiple control letters and will continue to monitor the properties with weed issues.