



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
September 01, 2022 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from August 4th, 2022

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of the September Weed Supervisors Report

NEXT MEETING

3. Next Meeting is Scheduled for October 6th, 2022

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
August 8th, 2022

1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:17am on August 4th, 2022.

2) Roll Call

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

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes

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

5) Citizens Comments

No citizen comments were sent or relayed to anyone present at the meeting.

6) Supervisor Report

Frank Smith reported that he submitted 2 grants to the UDAF ISM program totaling \$97,000. It was reported that the UDAF modified the Spray Days grant by – 15% and the San Juan River Grant by 20% and this reduced our grant total from \$97,000 to \$84,200. It was reported that Don Andrews returned for the season on May 2nd. It was noted that no one has applied for the second seasonal weed position. It was reported that we had our spray day's events on May 20th and 21st. It was noted that the weed department will be addressing phragmites and giant reed along the San Juan River. It was reported that the weed spray season began by doing vegetation control at county properties.

7) Business/Action

8) Next Meeting

Oct. 6th, 2022

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 09/01/22

- We have seen a huge improvement in the amount of noxious weeds at the Hideout Golf Course. We have largely contained the Canada thistle infestation we saw last year and we have been able to kill a good portion of the houndstongue at the course. We will continue monitoring the golf course several times a year and spray as necessary. I am happy to announce that the city of Monticello has agreed to pay \$1000 for herbicide that we have used at both the golf course and other sites around Monticello.

- We have seen a significant decrease in the amount of Camelthorn present in the San Juan Hill area this year. I believe it will be possible to achieve eradication eventually if we continue to see the improvements we have over the last several years. This will likely affect the amount of funding we can seek on our current San Juan River grant. We will not, however stop the work we are doing in these areas as we still have an absolute infestation of Russian Knapweed to continue fighting.

- I had a long talk with Aaron Eager who is the Utah State Noxious Weed Program Manager and ISM grant coordinator. I spoke to him about the possibility of receiving grant funding for a project to address Jointed Goatgrass on the Right-of-Ways on several county roads. In Utah Jointed goat grass is a class 3 weed and therefore may not receive the same priority as Class 1B or Class 2 weeds. He stated that while he has never seen a grant project for Jointed Goatgrass he really likes the uniqueness and direct applicability it has to our counties situation. He encouraged me to submit this project and he believed it would likely be funded. He also encouraged me to maintain our ongoing Camelthorn project for several more years as we are the only county that currently has Camelthorn and therefore maintenance is the best path to eradication from the entire state. Camelthorn may even be added to class 1A weeds, in Utah, if we can report no sightings for several years. 1A weeds are not known to exist in Utah but are present in neighboring states.

- We plan to spend a great deal of the remaining spray season spraying in support of the San Juan River Project. The rain has limited our access and we have not put in the hours we need to for the project. Much of this will be happen South of Bluff as we would like to ensure that the large Russian Knapweed infestation along the river does not migrate to Bluff.

- I plan to lobby all I can to increase our seasonal employee pay rate. Our current pay rate is well below what it should be to attract good employees. This seasonal job also has the additional burden of studying for and receiving a Non-Commercial applicators license and being at least 18 to receive said license. We may very not be able to find future employees if this issue is not addressed.