



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
July 01, 2021 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from June 3rd, 2021**

CITIZEN COMMENTS

UPDATE ON CURRENT SPRAY EFFORTS

- 2. Consideration and Approval of July Weed Supervisors Report**

BUSINESS/ACTION

- 3. Consideration and Approval of List of Landowners with Active Noxious Weed Issues**

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Department at 7:19 am on June 3rd, 2021

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Blake Peterson, Cade Lewis, Frank Smith and Todd Adair.

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes

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

5) Citizens Comments

Cade Lewis mentioned a significant presence of jointed goat grass in Agricultural fields. Frank Smith reported that he had received an anonymous letter from “Cedar Point Farmers” saying there is bindweed in Oscar Semadeni’s field. As this field is currently farmed by our board member Blake Peterson, Blake assured us that the issue was already being addressed. Frank Smith reported that none of the bindweed in the referenced field was within 50 yards of the bordering fields.

6) Supervisor Report

Frank reported that we will receive a total of \$90,000 in revenue for 2021. With this revenue the weed department is seeking a budget adjustment from the current \$75,747 to \$116,000. This will reduce the burden on the county from \$75,747 to just \$26,000 from the general fund. Frank reported that we have spent 11 full days on the San Juan River project YTD and sprayed 7500 gallons of herbicide. Frank reported that he had been in contact with Jim Hook about the new Bluff to Sand Island trail project. Frank indicated that we may be able to bill the trail fund for some of the weed control. Frank reported that several conty properties have been sprayed for general weed control. Frank reported that we sprayed the runway and indicator lights at the Blanding airport. Frank reported that he recently sent a general weed control notice to all previous weed control letter recipients.

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, August 5th, 2021

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 07/01/21

- This month we are asking the San Juan County Commission for a budget adjustment. Our budget was set at \$75,747 for 2021. We are asking that the Commission to adjust the budget to \$116,000 for the year. This is \$26,000 above the revenue of \$90,000 we will receive from our awarded grants and BLM contract. If this is approved we will have the revenue to continue the projects we have begun and keep our seasonal employees till at least September. If the adjustment is not approved we will have to ration our herbicide supply and cut the season short for our seasonal employees.
- As our supply of Milestone is very low until we hopefully get our budget adjustment we have begun using alternative herbicides for ROW spraying. Currently we are either using glyphosate or Opensight for this spraying. Since we are doing weed specific handgun spraying I believe we can use a non-specific herbicide like glyphosate without a great deal of residual kill.
- Our Spray Day's herbicide giveaways events were not as successful as we had hoped. We only distributed 270 gallons in Monticello and 364 gallons in Blanding. Some of this was due to the timing of the advertisement in the San Juan Record. In response I plan to have a second round of Spray Days on Saturday July 10th in both Blanding and Monticello. This will be preceded by 2 weeks of advertising in the San Juan Record and ads in all Facebook groups in Monticello and Blanding. This will hopefully allow us to help meet the goals specified in our Spray Days Grant.
- 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.
- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week we hosted and provided back country transportation to Brittany Duncan of the UDAF and 3 of her research assistants. She is studying vegetation and soils in the San Juan Hill and Guymon Ranch areas along the San Juan River. She will be looking at Camelthorn areas she studied last year before we treated them. I believe she will be surprised to find that we have fully eradicated Camelthorn from these study areas which also adds validity to our San Juan River Grant project.
- I have submitted a list of property owners with current Field Bindweed issues. I plan to send out control letters next week and follow up with each recipient.

Land Owners with Active Bindweed Issues

Hector Cordova
Holly Johnson
Johnson Farms
Debra King (Russian Knapweed)
Wilson Farm & Ranch
Glade Young
Byron Chrisman (Rolf Schweningen)
Thomas P. Corrao
Gary Halls
TC Investment Holdings
Monticello Development Co. LLC.
Melissa Klemp
Redd Investment Corp.
Wesley Hazelton
Kent Redd
Lynn Adams
Vernon Trask
JH Ranch Inc.
Charles S. Boyd
Clay Gullet
Cecil Hall
Dennis Swatsenberg
Kevin Halls
Johan Penninck
Robert Bryan
Jody Anthos