



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
January 04, 2022 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from September 2nd, 2021

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

2. Yearly Review and Approval of Weed Board Bylaws (Last Updated Sept. 2020)
3. Consideration and Appointment of Weed Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2022

WEED SUPERVISOR REPORT

4. Consideration and Approval of January Weed Supervisors Report

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2021

1) Call To Order

Blake Peterson began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:16 am on September 2nd, 2021.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Cade Lewis, Blake Peterson, Blaine Nebeker, Todd Adair 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

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

5) Citizens Comments

Several board members said they had been contacted about the control letter they received but response do not sound overly harsh.

6) Supervisor Report

It was reported that the proposed budget modification has been approved. It was reported that the weed crew plans to spend 8 to 10 additional days spraying along the San Juan River. It was reported that the second spray day event was successful. It was reported that the weed crew will begin vegetation control spraying on ROW's. Frank reported that ROW weeds have returned with the recent rains. It was reported that 15 weed control letters have been sent to landowners.

7) Business/Action

It was reported that Zach Johnson may be interested in joining the weed board. Frank said he would call Zach and invite him to join.

8) Next Meeting

Thursday, October 2nd, 2021

9) Adjourn

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

SAN JUAN NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME AND AUTHORIZATION

This organization shall be called the San Juan Noxious Weed Control Board. The San Juan Noxious Weed Control Board (Weed Board) is authorized by and pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 105, Utah Code Annotated, as amended and in accordance with San Juan County Ordinance 2020-07. The San Juan Weed Board exercises authority and assumes responsibilities delegated to it under these authorities.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES AND POLICY

Section 1- The purpose of the Weed Board is to make recommendations to the San Juan Commission and to staff for overall weed control policy to ensure compliance with the Utah Noxious Weed Act.

Section 2- The policy of the Weed Board is to:

1. Be responsible, under the general direction of the County Executive, for the formulation and implementation of a county-wide coordinated noxious weed control program designed to prevent and control noxious weeds within San Juan County
2. Promote education that encourages public awareness of exotic, invasive, and noxious vegetation and that leads to sound and sustainable land stewardship.
3. Encourage the proper use of integrated weed management practices within San Juan County.
4. Recommend to the Board of San Juan County Commission particular weeds or competitive plants, not appearing on the state noxious weed list that might be declared County noxious weeds within San Juan County.
5. Cooperate with other County weed control boards to prevent and control the spread of noxious weeds.
6. Fulfill all of the duties assigned to a County Weed Board by the Utah Noxious Weed Act.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1- The regular meeting of the Weed Board shall typically be on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held in Monticello at 117 South Main Street in the Commission Chambers. Unless otherwise advertised, special meetings of the members shall be held at a time and place designated by the Board Chair.

*Section 2-*The Weed Board shall name officers at its first regular meeting each calendar year or as necessary at other times to fill vacant positions.

*Section 3-*A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of three members present in person.

*Section 4-*The meeting of the Weed Board shall be run in an orderly fashion and conducted by the Chair.

*Section 5-*All newly appointed Weed Board members shall be provided with a current copy of the Bylaws prior to the next regular meeting.

*Section 6-*Electronic notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member not less than two days prior to the meeting. The Board will also follow The Open and Public Meetings Act (Title 52, Chapter 4, Utah Code, Annotated), with the exception of certain matters that may be discussed in “closed meetings.” Closed meetings should be limited to discussion as defined in State Code. In accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Act notice and the agendas of public meetings be available to the public.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Section 1- The Weed Board shall consist of a minimum of three but no more than five appointed members appointed by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners in accordance with Title 4, Chapter 17, Section 105, Utah Code Annotated, as amended. . All members shall reside in San Juan County. Members appointed to fill mid-term vacancies shall serve until the end of the term of the member replaced. As this is a partial term, that person shall be eligible to apply for a full, four-year term when the partial term is over.

Section 2- Officers shall include a Chair and Vice-Chair, both of whom shall be appointed members of the Weed Board.

Section 3- The Chair shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees, and authorize calls for all meetings.

Section 4- Two members of the Board shall be farmers or ranchers whose primary source of income is derived from production agriculture.

Section 5- the Board of San Juan County Commissioners shall appoint one member of the Board of San Juan County Commissioners who shall act as a coordinator between the County and the County Weed Control Board.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

The Chair may appoint special committees for the study and investigation of special problems or tasks. Weed Board members and individuals with special skills or interests from other government agencies and the public may serve on committees so long as a Weed Board member acts as Chair of each committee.

ARTICLE VI

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The normal order of business at regular meetings of the Weed Board shall be:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of Minutes
- 4. Citizens to be heard
- 5. Weed Supervisor Report (work completed; grants update, etc.)
- 6. Old Business
- 7. New Business
- 8. Committee Reports
- 9. Discussion of future agenda items and items from Staff or Weed Board Members
- 10. Adjournment

ARTICLE VII

NEPOTISM

The San Juan County Weed Board will follow San Juan County’s policy on Nepotism which states that the board will comply with Title 52, Chapter 3, Utah Code Annotated, as amended regarding the employment of relatives. The county strives to avoid favoritism or patronage to relatives or close friends in matters related to job recruitment, selection, job advancement or issuing contract for services. The county discourages supervisors or department heads from hiring members of the same family to work in the same department or under the same supervision.

ARTICLE VIII

GRAMA

The San Juan County Weed Board will follow San Juan County’s policy on GRAMA requests. The County follows Title 63G, Chapter 2, Utah Code Annotated, as amended.

ARTICLE IX

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section-1: The purpose of the conflict of interest Article is to protect this Board and its members from approving grants that might benefit the private interest of a Board member. This Article is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable State and Federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to governmental organizations.

Section 2: Definitions

- A. Interested Person: Any Board member, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.
- B. Financial Interest: A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Board is considering an application, transaction, or arrangement,
 - b. A compensation arrangement with the Board or with any entity or individual with which the Board has a transaction or arrangement, or
 - c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Board is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing Board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Section 3. Procedures

- A. Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the Board considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- B. Determining whether a Conflict of Interest exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing Board or Committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining Board members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
- C. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest
 - a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing Board meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

- b. After exercising due diligence, the governing Board shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- c. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the CED Board’s best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

D. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Article

- a. If the governing Board has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member’s response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

At the beginning of each calendar year the Weed Board will review the Bylaws. Amendments will be recommended to the County Commission for approval.

Approved:

San Juan County Commission Chair

San Juan County Weed Control Board Chair

Date: _____

Date: _____

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 01/06/21

- Our seasonal employees finished for the year on October 15th. I hope to have Don Andrews return again next year and will encourage him. Rianna Shumway intends to find a full time year round position but I will keep in touch with her and if she has not found something I am sure she would return next year.
- We have spent a total of twenty, 10 hour days spraying the various riparian areas on the North shore of the San Juan River in support of our San Juan River Grant. We applied nearly 13000 gallons of herbicide in these areas this year. At most of the locations we have seen significant decreases in the prevalence of large concentrations of both Russian Knapweed and Camelthorn. I intend to continue this project next year but I believe we could reach full eradication in at least half of our spray sites over the next few years.
- We have spent a total of fifty, 10 hour days spraying Right-of ways this year. We applied nearly 14000 gallons of herbicide during these days. We had a significant impact on control of noxious weed on right-of-ways this year and currently the roadsides are as free of Bindweed, Russian Knapweed, Canada Thistle and puncture vine as I have ever observed.
- I hope to enter into a spray agreement with the cities of Blanding, Monticello and Bluff. Monticello has significant weed issues at the Hideout Golf Course and the Airport. As they are required by law to address these issues I believe we have the leverage to convince them to allocate some budget to this issue. We have been spraying Blanding's airport and Right-of-ways for years without any compensation. Hopefully I can convince them that it is in their best interest to allocate some budget to see this service continue. Bluff is likely very limited in budget but even a few hundred dollars would help them to cover their right-of-ways and airport. Before Bluff incorporated the county was spraying these areas as it was considered a county entity.
- The weed department has been approved for a budget of \$116,347.00 for fiscal year 2022. I had requested a budget of \$125,000. The additional requested amount was cut from my proposed herbicide budget. Without this additional money for herbicide purchases it will be difficult for me to request additional funding and expansion of our San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed project. I had intended to add Phragmites and Giant Reed to my grant proposal but I will stick with the basic project scope we have worked on over the last 5 years.
- I am currently servicing and refurbishing our spray rigs for next year. With good cleaning and a few repairs we will be ready for the 2022 spray season.