



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
April 03, 2025 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from March 6th, 2025

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

2. Consideration, Review and Approval of Notice of Public Nuisance Final Draft

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

3. Consideration and Approval of April Weed Supervisors Report

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
March 6th, 2025

1) Call To Order

Blake Peterson began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:11 am on March 6th, 2025.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Blake Peterson, Zach Johnson, Dennis Gines, Lori Maughan, 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 present.

4) Approval of Minutes

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

5) Citizens Comments

6) Business/Action

7) Weed Supervisors Report

Frank reported that UDAF grants were delayed this year while they implement a new grant processing programming. He reported that he plans to have 3 herbicide giveaways this year. He mentioned a study presented at a recent conference about using cattle to graze phragmites. He mentioned a want to work more closely with the USU extension office. He suggested that the county start the process of removing Buffalobur from the county noxious weed list.

8) Next Meeting

April 3rd, 2025

9) Adjourn

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



**SAN JUAN COUNTY
WEED DEPARTMENT**
“Weed Control Makes Good Neighbors”

September 3rd, 2025
Joe Smith
49 Taylor Lane
Monticello, UT 84535

Re: NOTICE OF PUBLIC NUISANCE (**Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, §4-17-101, et. seq.**)

Dear Landowner:

YOU HAVE FAILED TO TAKE THE REQUISITE ACTION AS OUTLINED IN THE NOTICE OF ACTION WITHIN THE AUTHORIZED TIME PERIOD AND YOUR PROPERTY IS HEREBY DECLARED A **PUBLIC NUISANCE** PURSUANT TO §4-17-109, UTAH CODE ANNOTATED. PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THIS WEED ISSUE BY E-MAIL AT fsmith@sanjuancounty.org OR BY VOICEMAIL OR TEXT AT 435-419-0034.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT YOU HAVE FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE HEREIN TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO CONTROL THE NOXIOUS WEEDS AND TO STOP THEM FROM GOING TO SEED AS OUTLINED IN THE NOTICE OF ACTION OR THE COUNTY AFTER REASONABLE NOTICE, WILL ENTER THE PROPERTY, WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT AND PERFORM ANY WORK NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE WEEDS, CONSISTENT WITH SOUND WEED PREVENTION AND CONTROL PRACTICES.

Means of control include definite systems of herbicide application, tilling, cropping or grazing.

If the **Public Nuisance** is not addressed the issue will be brought before the weed board and the county may, under the provisions of the Utah Weed Act, after reasonable notice enter the property with a contracted herbicide applicator to treat the weeds. The landowner will then be billed for this treatment at a rate 10% higher than the contractors fee as an administrative charge. In that event, the county shall send you a documented description of the expense for labor and materials spent to bring the property into compliance and a demand for payment within 30 days of the day on which the weed control took place

You will be required to reimburse the county for the county's expenses within 90 days after receipt of the demand for payment. If the demand for payment is not paid within 90 days after receipt, the charges become a lien against the property and are collectible by the county treasurer at the time general property taxes are collected.

The following are licensed commercial applicators in this area that can help address your noxious weed issue:

Jacks Weed Killers	Dave's Ag Drone
555-555-5555	555-555-5551
Jacks@email.com	Davesag@email.com

Thank You for your **Immediate Response** to this letter

Sincerely,

Frank J. Smith
Weed Supervisor
885 E. Center St.
PO BOX 188
Monticello, Utah 84535
Cell: (435) 419-0034
fsmith@sanjuancounty.org

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

PURSUANT TO § 4-17-111, Utah Code Annotated: (1) Any person served with notice to control noxious weeds may request a hearing to appeal the terms of the notice before the county weed control board within 10 days of receipt of such notice and may appeal the decision of the county weed control board to the San Juan County Appeal Authority; (2) Any person served with notice to control noxious weeds who has had a hearing before both the county weed control board and the San Juan County Appeal Authority may further appeal the decision of said Appeal Authority by filing written notice of appeal with a court of competent jurisdiction.

Weed Department Report
Weed Board Meeting
April 3rd, 2025

- We are currently in the process of switching the 400 gallon spray system currently on our old Dodge Ram 3500 truck to a 1995 Heavy Duty Chevy Fire truck which only has just over 80,000 miles on it. It is my plan to put a 60 gallon tank on the Dodge and use it as my staff truck and a backup is either of the other trucks need maintenance or repair. The benefits of this move are first that the Chevy is an automatic which is much better for the stop and go of roadside spraying. Also by lightening the load on the high mileage Dodge it should not require as much maintenance as it has required over the last 2 seasons.
- We intend to hire Don Andrews again for the 2025 season. The goal is for him to work 6 months. We will also hire 2 additional employees to work for 3 months which is what's allotted by the 2025 budget.
- I recently ordered \$40,000 worth of herbicides and adjuvants. This includes a large amount of glyphosate, Milestone and Opensight. We still have \$10,000 in reserve for any needs later in the season. We have had very good response using glyphosate to kill kochia and Russian thistle on county property. I am concerned that eventually the kochia on the county property can form a tolerance for glyphosate after several years of treatment. We do have other suitable herbicides in stock if this ever happens. I believe the weed department has done a particularly good job at keeping the weeds controlled on all of the counties property.
- I will begin spending a few days a week in April spraying Jointed Goat Grass. I do not believe it will ever be possible to address all the issues with jointed goat grass but we will continue to do what we can especially early in the season. I encourage farmers to spray all they can on the right of ways bordering their fields.
- I intend to research the possibility of applying for a grant to purchase a quality drone and get licensed so that I can have an idea of where the hard to find noxious weeds are. Perhaps, with a farmers permission, we could fly private draws and report the weed issues to the land owners as a service. A drone would be invaluable along the river to really do a survey of where we may still have camelthorn even on waterlocked riparian areas.