



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
May 09, 2024 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from April 18th, 2024

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of May Weed Supervisors Report

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
April 18th, 2024

1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:15 am on April 18th, 2024.

2) Roll Call

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

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes

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

5) Citizens Comments

No Citizen comments were submitted or relayed to anyone present at the meeting.

6) Supervisor Report

Frank reported that he is applying for the same 2 grants/grant projects for a total of \$100,000. Frank reported that the BLM is working on a new contract with the county to continue the partnership with our San Juan River grant. Frank reported that the seasonal sprayer positions were opening soon. Frank noted that we are planning 2 spray day events this season. Frank reported an interest in purchasing a drone and begin working toward obtaining FAA licensing to use the drone in the field for the county.

7) Business/Action

No business or action to discuss.

8) Next Meeting

June 6th, 2024

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report
Weed Board Meeting
May 9th, 2024

Item 2.

- We hired a total of 4 persons as seasonal employees this year. They are Don Andrews, Kaylin Jones, Cami Lewis and McKenna Francom. The first three are scheduled to start this week and McKenna will start in early June. The road department will cover the salary cost for the 4th employee. This gives us a large batch of licensed and trained sprayers that may be able to return for the next several seasons.

- We were recently awarded \$100,000 in grant funding for our San Juan River and Spray Days projects We will be expanding our San Juan River project to the East of Bluff working in the riparian area South of the Rock Formation known as Sacred Mountain. This is an area of approximately 1000 acres of previously killed and live tamarisk and Russian olive trees. I inspected this area late last season and found many large patches of Russian Knapweed. Camelthorn has been spotted in this area in previous years as well. The more upstream areas we can address, the better chance we have of one day eradicating the noxious weeds along the river.

- With multiple employees this year my time is freed up to address weed enforcement issues more consistently and thoroughly. As I mentioned previously I will begin with letters to former weed control recipients explaining their responsibility to control weeds based on the Utah Weed act. I will also begin doing more enforcement in the Blanding and Bluff farm areas as needed,

- By having plenty of employees I will also have more time to document and record the work we are doing on our grant projects. The state is expecting more documentation, mapping and photographic presentations as time goes on. At some point in the future they may actually require a full yearly report basically documenting every day of work on the project. Currently we just give basic details and approximations. Having more time to document the work will be key to continuing to receive UDAF grant funding.

- The employees will begin this week with spraying county properties and checking and spraying right of ways across the county.