



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
September 02, 2021 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from July 1st, 2021

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of September Weed Supervisors Report
3. Consideration and Approval of Weed Control Letter Recipients List

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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1) Call To Order

Blaine Nebeker began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Department at 7:10 am on July 1st, 2021.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Blaine Nebeker, Cade Lewis and Frank Smith.

3) Approval of Agenda

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

4) Approval of Minutes

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

5) Citizens Comments

Cade Lewis noted that the land around the airport in Monticello has a significant weed issue that needs addressed.

6) Supervisor Report

Frank reported that we are asking the commission for a budget adjustment from \$75,747 to \$116,000 to represent our revenue and cover personnel and chemical for the rest of the season. Frank reported that we are using alternatives to Milestone to spray ROW's as the budget is very low. Frank noted that our spray day events were not very successful and that we plan to have a second event. The report noted that we will begin spraying vegetation around delineators, guardrails and catleguards in support of road department mowing effort. It was reported that the weed department assisted 3 UDAF researchers to access test plots on San Juan Hill. It was noted that a list of persons with bindweed issues was submitted for board review.

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, September 2nd, 2021

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 09/02/21

- We have been granted our budget modification from \$75,747 to \$117,000 total. This additional money will allow us to cover salary and wages for the rest of the year. It will also allow us to purchase the additional herbicide we need to complete the season and meet the goals specified in our grant projects.
- We plan to spend an additional 8 to 10 days at sites along the San Juan River in support of our San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed project grant. We still have a significant amount of camelthorn present in the San Juan Hill riparian area. While we were able to eliminate camelthorn from one heavily infested area we are seeing surges in other areas at the site. As camelthorn is the highest priority weed we currently have in the county we will commit 2/3^{rds} of our San Juan River spraying to San Juan Hill.
- We had our second spray day event in Monticello and Blanding on Saturday July 10th. We were able to distribute significantly more herbicide at this second event. A combination of posting the event on facebook, earlier publication in the newspaper and posting flyers in several places around Monticello and Blanding seemed to really get the word out. We will likely offer a second event for Bluff and La Sal later in August or early in September. Between the two spray day events we were able to distribute the amounts of herbicide we need to meet the goals of our spray day grant. We will try to expand this program next year through a larger grant and perhaps a sprayer loan program.
- 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.
- With the recent rains we are starting to see a resurgence of weeds along Right-of-ways throughout the county. We treated a significant amount Bindweed in the burn scar area along Pack Creek Ranch road. We will keep an eye on this new growth as it has the potential to explode and spread all along the pack creek burn area. When we treated it last week it ended up raining heavily that night and likely limited the effect our treatment had. We will do all we can to keep this from becoming a weed explosion.
- I have sent out a total of 15 weed control letters. I have heard back from about half of them. Each one committed to address the bindweed issue on their land. I have offered to help by providing limited amounts of herbicide. I will continue to monitor these properties and follow up if weed control efforts are not enacted. I have attached a spreadsheet of those who received control letters as a supplement to this report. The initial list was paired down based on personal observation of the properties.

Land Owner Name	Address	Phone #	Parcel(s): PID	Acreage
Byron Chrisman	6909 S EATON ST LITTLETON CO 80128		35S26E150000	245
Dennis Swatsenberg	3700 SAN MEDINA AVE FARMINGTON NM 87401		31S25E360000	161
Glade Young	HC 63 BOX 32 MONTICELLO UT 84535		32S26E170001	40
Hector Cordova	PO BOX 201 MONTICELLO UT 84535		33S24E353003	9.55
JH Ranch Inc.	23866 ROAD L CORTEZ CO 81321		33S26E050000 32S26E320000	3640
Jody Anthes	2330 BEAR RIDGE RD BASALT CO 81621		31S25E170000	320
Lucio Regaldo	PO BOX 113 MONTICELLO UT 84535		33S24E353004	10
Melissa Klemp	8602 MARYS DR FLAGSTAFF AZ 86004		32S24E316000	422
Pete Darlington	PO BOX 1341 MONTICELLO UT 84535		34S24E100000	320
Redd Investment Corp.	PO BOX 926 MONTICELLO UT 84535		32S23E360000	390
Thomas P. Corrao	PO BOX 544 MONTICELLO UT 84535		33S26E310600	128
Vernon Trask	PO BOX 755 MONTICELLO UT 84535		32S24E200000	645
Wesley Hazelton	PO BOX 223 MONTICELLO UT 84535		A33240305402	3.31
Wilson Farm & Ranch	4760 N BUTLER AVE B2 FARMINGTON NM 87401		34S25E112400	320