

WEED BOARD MEETING

117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers August 03, 2023 at 7:00 AM

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from July 13th, 2023

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

WEED SUPERVISOR REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of August Weed Supervisor Report

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for this meeting should contact the San Juan County Clerk's Office: 117 South Main, Monticello or telephone 435-587-3223, giving reasonable notice



Weed Board Meeting Minutes July 13th, 2023

1) Call To Order

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Board at 7:06 am on July 13th, 2023.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Cade Lewis, Blake Peterson, Kyle Fulmer 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

Blake Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Dennis Gines 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 the UWSA yearly meeting was held in Blanding at the USU events center and traveled to Bluff to see Camelthorn which is the only place in Utah that Camelthorn exists. He reported that Don Andrews started on May 8th and Kaylin Jones started on May 15th. He also reported that kaylin will be leaving on July 27th to return to college. It was reported that enforcement has begun and letters will be sent shortly. It was reported that the Golf Course now has much fewer noxious weeds this year due to our ongoing efforts. It was reported that Right-Of-Way weed presence is much higher this year and will require more time and herbicide to respond.

7) Business/Action

8) Next Meeting

September 3rd, 2023

9) Adjourn

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

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting August 3rd,2023

- We are seeing a large increase in weeds on the rights-of-ways in the county. Areas that once took one day to cover are now taking 2 or 3 days and using significantly more herbicide. With the early departure of our 2nd seasonal employee I will have to spend a large portion of my time spraying for the rest of the season in order to keep up with the weeds.
- I have documented and either sent a letter or contacted 16 different land owners in the county with noxious weed issues. I have received commitment to spray for 4 of these properties. I have a list of additional properties that I will inspect and follow up with additional letters.
- We will receive \$2000.00 from the city of Monticello to cover the cost of herbicides to spray both the golf course and airport runway and aprons. The county will provide the equipment and manpower to get the job done.
- We have made significant improvements in the vegetation control at the various county facilities. I believe the fairgrounds are looking particularly weed free this year. Each year we see a decrease in the amount of weeds at the county properties thereby making it less expensive and time consuming each year.
- We recently had to have a new clutch put in our Dodge 400 gallon spray truck. This old dodge workhorse currently has nearly 200,000 rough miles on it and I believe it is time to start looking into replacing it. I will begin looking into whether there are any available grants that may help with the purchase of a new truck and spray system. I believe it is imperative that whatever we purchase has to be more capable in loose dirt and sand than our 2019 Ford 450 dually which has proven to get stuck very easily. I also believe that switching to a centrifugal pump configuration will serve us better that the current diaphragm pump we currently run on the old Dodge.