



WEED BOARD MEETING

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers
April 01, 2021 at 7:00 AM**

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Consideration and Approval of Weed Board Minutes from March 4th, 2021

WEED SUPERVISORS REPORT

2. Consideration and Approval of Weed Supervisors Report
3. Consideration and Approval of Reformatted "General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds"

CITIZEN COMMENTS

BUSINESS/ACTION

NEXT MEETING

ADJOURN

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Weed Board
Meeting Minutes
March 4th, 2021

1) Call To Order

Frank Smith began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Department at 7:23 am on March 3rd, 2021.

2) Roll Call

The following people were present: Dennis Gines, Charlie Tracy, Blake Peterson, Todd Adair and Frank Smith

3) Approval of Agenda

Charlie Tracy made a motion to approve the agenda. Dennis Gines seconded the motion and the motion was approved by all board members present.

4) Approval of Minutes

Charlie Traacy 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

No citizens were present or submitted comments either directly or through the weed board members.

6) Supervisor Report/ Summary of Spray Season

Frank Smith gave a summary of current grant submittals totaling \$88,000.00. Frank shared that we can bill the BLM up to \$13,000 for work on BLM lands during 2021. Between the grants (if successful) and the BLM contract the weed department will receive just over \$100, 000 in revenue for 2021. Frank reported on the purchase of a new Honda 4 wheeler and the surplus of an old Honda 4 wheeler and a Polaris 6 wheel UTV. He reported that we are a partner for in-kind work for the Grand County weed departments grant proposal to address Spotted Knapweed on both the South and North sides of the La Sal mountain. Finally he reported that the seasonal employees will start on April 12th and that both Don Andrews and Rianna Shumway have agreed to return this season.

7) Business/Action

Frank presented a list of persons who were previously sent a weed control notice. It was suggested by Dennis that we send preemptive control letters to persons on this list.

8) Next Meeting

Thursday April 1st, 2021

9) Adjourn

Charlie made a motion to adjourn Blake seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 4/1/2021

- ◆ We will begin the spray season on April 12th. The initial emphasis will be on areas along the San Juan River. This work is in support of our submitted UDAF grant and our contact with the BLM. We will also do vegetation control spraying at all county properties throughout the county.
- ◆ This year Don and Rianna will each run their own spray truck. I will run a 3rd smaller capacity spray rig. This will allow me to do more weed discovery and plan a more efficient and effective spray schedule.
- ◆ Our new Honda Rancher 4 wheeler has had it's new spray system installed and is ready for the weed season. This will come in particularly handy for work in areas such as San Juan Hill and the river access south of the Bluff airport.
- ◆ We will submit a “General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds” for publication in the San Juan Record in April, May and June as per Utah Administrative Code R68-9-6, which states:

A general public notice shall be posted by the County Weed Board in at least three public places within the county and be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation throughout the county, on or before May 1 of each year and at any other times the County Weed Board determines.

In addition to the publications we will post general notices on bulletin boards in Bluff, Blanding, Monticello and La Sal.

- ◆ I have reformatted the “General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds” to indicate the 5 categories that the 54 designated noxious weeds are separated under in Utah. I have also updated our PO Box to “338” which routes future correspondence through the road department. A copy of the new “General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds' follows this report for the consideration and approval of the Weed Board.
- ◆ We will send a preemptive letter to our list of previous Weed Control letter recipients presented at the last weed board meeting. This letter will be neighborly and offer advice and assistance to control noxious weeds before they spread impacting neighboring properties.
- ◆ I plan to start our seasonal crew on April 12th this year. I have spoken to Don Andrews and Rianna Shumway and they both plan to return this season. This will allow us to get right to work as they will not require any training on equipment or weed identification.
- ◆ We will mount fire extinguishers on each of our 3 spray trucks and our 2 Kubotas. This year each Kubota will carry a spare tire, jack, lug wrench, inflator, plug kit and a tow strap. This should allow us to deal with issues we faced in the past much more easily.

General Notice To Control Noxious Weeds

Item 3.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 4-17-6 of the Utah Noxious Weed Act, to every person who owns or controls land in San Juan County, Utah, that noxious weeds standing, being, or growing on such land shall be controlled and the spread of same prevented by effective cutting, tillage, cropping, pasturing, treating with chemicals or other effective methods, or combination thereof, approved by the County Weed Supervisor, as often as may be required to prevent the weed from blooming and maturing seeds, or spreading by root, root stalks or other means.

Upon failure to comply with this notice, the owner or person in possession of property upon which noxious weeds are present shall be deemed negligent and enforced control measures may be imposed at the discretion of the County authorities. Expense of control measures employed by the County shall be paid directly by the owner or person in possession of the property and become collectible by taxes.

The following are declared noxious weeds for the State of Utah:

Class 1A-Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR)/Watch List: Plants not known to be in Utah, but thought to be present in neighboring states. If found, swift eradication is a very high priority.

Common crupina	African rue	Small bugloss	Mediterranean sage	Spring millet
Syrian beancaper	Ventenata	Plumeless thistle	Malta starthistle	

Class 1B-Early Detection (ED): Plants that occur in Utah at very low levels. It is a high priority to eradicate all known populations and prevent new ones.

Camelthorn	Garlic mustard	Purple starthistle	Goatsrue	African mustard
Giant reed	Japanese knotweed	Vipers Bugloss	Elongated mustard	Oxeye daisy
Cutleaf vipergrass	Common St. Johnswort			

Class 2-Control: Plants that have a reasonable distribution in Utah, but do not occur everywhere. This plants are considered a high priority for control.

Leafy spurge	Medusahead	Rush skeletonweed	Spotted knapweed	Purple loosestrife
Squarrose knapweed	Dyers woad	Yellow starthistle	Yellow toadflax	Diffuse knapweed
Black henbane	Dalmation toadflax			

Class 3-Contain: Plants widely distributed in Utah. The current population of these plants should be contained to halt their spread.

Russian knapweed	Houndstounge	Perennial pepperweed	Phragmites	Tamarisk(Saltcedar)
Hoary cress	Canada thistle	Poison hemlock	Musk thistle	Quackgrass
Jointed goatgrass	Bermudagrass	Perennial Sorghums	Scotch thistle	Field bindweed
Puncturevine(Goathead)				

Class 4-Prohibited: Plants that are present in Utah that have arrived as nursery stock or seed and were sold as ornamentals. These plants are now prohibited for sale or distribution.

Cogongrass	Myrtle spurge	Dames Rocket	Scotch broom	Russian olive
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In addition, the following are noxious weeds for San Juan County:

Buffalo Burr	Western Whorled Milkweed
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