



## **WEED BOARD MEETING**

**117 South Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535. Commission Chambers  
January 07, 2021 at 7:00 AM**

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### **AGENDA**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- [1.](#) Please see attached minutes from November 5th, 2020

#### **WEED SUPERVISOR REPORT**

- [2.](#) Please see attached Weed Supervisors Report

#### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **ADJOURN**

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Weed Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 5th, 2020

**1) Call To Order**

Cade Lewis began the meeting of the San Juan County Weed Department at 7:31 am on November 5th, 2020.

**2) Roll Call**

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

**3) Approval of Agenda**

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

**4) Approval of Minutes**

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

**5) Citizens Comments**

Cade Lewis received a call from Brad Harris of Lockerby Homestead Properties about receiving a weed control letter. Frank Smith will follow up with Brad and other weed letter recipients heading into next season.

**6) Supervisor Report/ Summary of Spray Season**

Frank Smith gave a summary of the amount of chemical we applied for our San Juan River grant, Spray Days Grant and daily Right-of-way weed suppression efforts. It was reported that these two efforts equaled a total of 26,070 gallons for the 2021 season. It was also reported that the weed department had sprayed rabbit-brush after it was mowed, in support of weed department vegetation control efforts.

**7) No Spray Agreement**

Frank Smith presented a draft of a No Spray Agreement that he pieced together from examples from multiple counties. Input from weed board members indicates that their "Organic" certification rules require them to leave a sizeable buffer between the ROW's and crops they harvest. With this in mind it was decided that a No Spray Agreement is not currently needed and Frank will maintain the draft in case the issue resurfaces under organic certification rules.

**8) Next Meeting**

Christmas Party Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Next Meeting Thursday January, 7<sup>th</sup> 2020

**9) Adjourn**

Blake made a motion to adjourn, Cade seconded and the board adjourned at 8:16 am.

Weed Supervisor Report  
Weed Board Meeting 1/7/2020

- ◆ UDAF Grants were opened on December 17<sup>th</sup>. I plan to apply for 2 grants totaling approximately \$90,000. These grants, like last years, will support our Spray Days and San Juan River projects. This year I plan to increase the amount of funding for our spray days grant/project in order to have multiple “Spray Day” herbicide distributions and cost share spraying efforts. Grants are due by February 26<sup>th</sup> but I am on schedule to submit our application by the end of January.
- ◆ The weed department performed approximately \$47,000 dollars of billable work (including herbicide cost) in support of our Spray Days and San Juan River Grants. This amount would have been significantly higher had we not seen our 2020 grants reduced by over half of the original amount by the UDAF due to funding reallocation caused by Covid-19.
- ◆ The weed department is being reassigned as a division of the Road Department. The weed supervisor will work under the supervision of Todd Adair.
- ◆ The weed department has been assigned the former fire cache building at the San Juan Fairgrounds. This building will provide a year round means of storage and maintenance of all of our weed spraying rigs. The weed supervisor will be based in the office in this quonset hut.
- ◆ We have purchased a new Honda engine for our pump system on our F-450 spray rig. The previous engine burns a significant amount of oil and is no longer reliable. The old engine will be saved as a parts source as we bought an identical replacement.
- ◆ In 2021 I intend to work more closely with the Road Department, Water Conservation District and our Cities to help with vegetation control issues, i.e. Rabbit Brush control on Recapture Dam, cattleguards, guardrails etc.
- ◆ I intend to create a plan to monitor and control vegetation and noxious weeds at all of the various road sheds, senior centers and fire stations throughout the county.