

Wasatch County Weed Board Minutes
Administration Building, 25 N. Main, Room 100
Heber City, Utah 84032

APPROVED
JULY 12, 2023

Wednesday, June 16, 2023

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	✓ Laurie Backus—<i>Weed Board Chairman</i> ✓ Quintin Lewis—<i>Weed Dept. Head</i> ✓ Eric Bunker- <i>Weed Board</i> ✓ Edd Sabey—<i>Weed Board</i> ✓ George Muir- <i>Weed Board</i> ✓ Wesley Crump- <i>USU Extension</i> ✓ Amanda Simpson—<i>Wasatch County Public Works Office</i>
Excused	Steve Smith- <i>Weed Board</i> Steve Farrell- <i>County Counsel</i>
Welcome and Review of Minutes	The May 3, 2023 Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Edd Sabey; Seconded by George Muir.
Weed Grant Updates from Quintin Lewis	Title II \$13,407 (2 year) – \$10,062 left. Starting to work on Forest this week. Weed Supervisor – Leafy Spurge & Other Invasive \$9,800 – Working thru ‘Spray Days’. All of the chemical has been ordered and received. This is due this coming September. Quintin and Amanda met with Dano Jauregui. We explained to him that the Match was hard to meet. He said he would talk with someone to try to see what he could do for us and has since emailed us a contract of \$22,000.00 and was able to extend the deadline to 2026 so we had more time to spend out and provide Match. This is plenty of time and we could probably add more money. He wants to reimburse in on labor only, and Amanda is going to update the reimbursement rates for 2023.
Updates on CWMA from Quintin Lewis	2023 Spray Dates: – Soldier Hollow- Tuesday, June 6th ▪ Zero participation other than the Weed Dept. employees. Sprayed about 450 gallons. – Dutch Hollow: Thursday, June 8th ▪ 10 Dedicated Hunters were able to participate, because this was a weekday spray day that was a good turnout, 3 people from the State Park, 4 County Weed Department employees. ▪ Sprayed east side of the area. – Dutch Hollow: Saturday, June 10th ▪ 21 Dedicated Hunters, no State Park employees, 4 County Weed Department employees. ▪ Sprayed West side. It is hard to get machines up there because of all of the new trails so it mostly had to be backpacked up, but it was a productive day because of the amount of help.

	• We had people stopping and thanking us and wanting to learn how they can sign up to help, so that was nice to be appreciated rather than any negativity. We had a board put up with information so with that plus anything the State Park put on their website, it really helped. – Rock Cliff- Thursday, July 6th • Not put out to the Dedicated Hunters. – Squaw Creek- Wednesday, June 21st • 5 hunters signed up so far, but still hoping for more. We went and checked it because last time we were there it had deep snow drifts. Since last year it has had a new gravel road put in so if it made it thru the winter it will be helpful. – Mill B- Saturday, June 24th • 30 dedicated hunters signed up as of now, we probably could not handle too many more. – Wallsburg- Tuesday, July 11th Quintin called Amber with the Forest Service, her and Roger along with one other person will be making some of the Spray Days as well. Weed Supervisor training coming up 21st and 22nd so Caden Shelton with the Weed Department will take over that spray date. Equipment and chemical: 2-4,D - 183 gal Milestone - 21 quarts Duracore - 5 gallons Trailers - 104 days Backpacks - 88 days
Follow Ups from Last Meeting	Amanda Simpson printed off the State Code for regulations on County Weed Board attendance, Notices, and publishing Minutes. Quintin said that Aaron Eagers will be giving us an update to the Weed Board Rules when it is put out. Eric Bunker asked what chemical was used on the Leafy spurge. Quintin said they moved away from the Tordon and tried out Weedmaster in hoping that will help to make the competition have a chance to move back in.

Committee Concerns, Updates and Issues	Wesley Crump said there is a lot of interest in non-synthetic herbicide, so along with Elizabeth Cohen and Sarah Joe, they have been kicking around idea of a non-synthetic herbicide trials for those who refuse to use the synthetic so that we can provide more information for them. He asked the Boards thoughts on the subject. Laurie said they have only tried the bio control with bugs, but that it is a slow going process. Quintin asked if there is studies to show this products effect on soil vs herbicide. Laurie asked if they were focusing on all non-desired plants vs the noxious weeds, because gardening weeds are a lot different, and it would make a difference in documenting results. Wesley said they would like to focus on the Noxious weeds. Laurie said to reach out if there is anything they can do to help, and to keep them updated. Eric said that Midway City did do a 2 year study so to reach out to them for any data they may have gathered too. Quintin said the contact for Midway for this would be Preston Broadhead. Eric recommended to put a lot of focus on to the surfactant as well.
Meeting Adjourned	Next Weed Board Meeting will be held July 12, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. at the County Administration Building- 25 North Main Street, Heber City UT 84032 Motion made by Edd Sabey to adjourn Meeting, seconded by Eric Bunker.