

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

APPROVED
10-11-2023

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	✓ Laurie Backus—Weed Board Chairman ✓ Quintin Lewis—Weed Dept. Head ✓ Eric Bunker- Weed Board ✓ Edd Sabey—Weed Board ✓ George Muir- Weed Board ✓ Steve Smith—Weed Board ✓ Wesley Crump- USU Extension ✓ Amanda Simpson—Wasatch County Public Works Office ✓ Alex Stoedter- Wasatch County Attorney
Welcome and Review of Minutes	The June 14, 2023 Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Steve Smith; Seconded by Edd Sabey.
Board Training: Alex Stoedter	Alex introduced himself and explained how the Council thought it would be a good idea for the Weed Board to get the general frame work of what the act regarding board training is about, even tho it is not required for them. The Board made a decision to have these trainings as new Board members join, because even tho the trainings are not required, the Board is still held to the same standards. Alex went on to explain that the training's are put in place to make sure public bodies are doing their actions in the open and so that the public has the opportunity to be a part of final actions and in some occasions be heard. Alex hit on the key checkmarks that would make an entity required to have this training, along with the common violations that happen regarding meetings.
Weed Grant Updates from Quintin Lewis	• <u>Title II - \$13,407</u> We are about half way through. We have done 8 days so far, and have a couple more weeks than can start billing. • <u>Leafy Spurge and other Invasive</u> Done with all spray days, we are going to do some reseeding and we are getting bugs for the biocontrol. Gull fly's for Canada thistle have been received, we just need to put them out. • <u>Forest contract (to go thru 2026) - \$22,000.000</u> We are just waiting for Dano to finish up contract and send it over.
Updates on CWMA from Quintin Lewis	2023 Spray Dates: • <u>Rock Cliff - Thursday July 6th</u> Quintin and Caden Shelton went up there and found that the whole trail system was washed out so they were not able to do anything up there other then hit some of the road. • <u>Mill B - Saturday June 24th</u> We had 29 volunteers total, 4 from the Forest, 2 from the County, and 23 Dedicated hunters. With all of the help and the nice weather, it was a very productive day. With this amount of people helping we just work with agencies and disperse into groups. The thistle is down compared to what we have seen in the past, but it was earlier in the year then when we

	normally go up so that needs taken into account too. • <u>Squaw Creek - Wednesday June 21st</u> We had 12 volunteers total, 3 from the County, 4 from the Forest, and 5 Dedicated hunters. This was a good count for a spray day that took place in the middle of the week. Last year we had 8. We are seeing a difference using Milestone. We are getting a head of things without having to use other chemicals so that has definitely been a plus Landowner Handout: → Acres: 5,062 acres → 2-4,D: 284 gallons → Milestone: 33 quarts → Duracore: 7 gallons → Hours: 457 → We are still updating numbers on the equipment use, but so far we have documented: 162 days out on trailers & 188 days out on backpacks Biocontrol release: We have done the Canada thistle release, and have 4 more coming. Quintin heard on the news that UPS is planning a strike so hopefully that will not affect us getting these bugs that are coming from Montana. Paula Trater took some interns to Tintic and collected knapweed weevil. They had enough to be able to put some at the Wallsburg turn off by the lake and has more left still for Duchesne county.
Follow Ups from Last Meeting	<u>Quintin Lewis-Weed Supervisor Meeting highlights</u> Rule changes: We now need to post the general notice on the State Website, and if you are sending a "take action" notice, this needs to be sent by Certified mail, as we have always done anyway. Cory Ransom talked on the importance of surfactants, especially with Round Ups. He had a map that showed almost the whole state of Utah having the hardest kind of water and had the mix rate available for us to look at. We use liquid Bronx and could probably use a little more in our mix. Corey also said that we need to keep an eye on the label because its active ingredient percentage could drop down without any kind of notice year to year. He explained the majority of surfactants are non-ionic, which is what you want, and that they are very important in aiding the absorption of the chemical, especially if you are targeting weeds like Common Mullen and Dalmation Toadflax. Rosanne Fillmore, another speaker there, talked about taking pictures. She talked about how, when taking before and after pictures, you want to make sure you get the back ground with details that you can identify and use as reference point to be able to get the same spot for the pictures.
Committee Concerns, Updates and Issues	Wesley Crump said that with the Trials Project on using the non-synthetic herbicide, Sarah Jo is mostly over the project, and has been inundated with work, but there is actually a grant available they can apply for this fall, so they are shooting for next season to move forward with that. Steve Smith commented how on the forest the Blue Bells are outgrowing the weeds. He took some photos of where he threw seed out and had before and after pictures that he wanted to share. There was some good results present.
Meeting Adjourned	August and September meetings will be cancelled due to conflicts as well as no new updates between now and then to discuss, so the next Weed Board Meeting will be held October 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. A motion made by Eric Bunker to adjourn Meeting, seconded by George Muir.