

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

APPROVED
1/17/2023

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Quintin Lewis—Weed Dept. Head Eric Bunker—Weed Board George Muir—Weed Board Steve Smith—Weed Board Wesley Crump—USU Extension Amanda Simpson—Wasatch County Public Works Office <i>Excused—Laurie Backus</i>
Welcome and Review of Minutes	The October 11, 2023 Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Eric Bunker, seconded by Steve Smith.
Weed Grant Updates	<u>Forest Contract \$22,000 (2023 - 2026)</u> We will start on this project next year. We have until 2026 to spend this out. It is possible we may get more money added to it if we spend it out sooner. <u>Weed Supervisor – Leafy Spurge and other invasives \$9,800</u> This has been approved, we are just waiting for the check to arrive.
Updates on CWMA	<u>Summit/Wasatch CEU Training</u> There were 65 attendees. The weather worked out in our favor so that people were able to attend. Quintin learned at the training that with our records, we usually track how many acres we spray, but we are required to record how many gallons of water are used for concentrate that is sprayed. We do not use restricted herbicide but we do have to keep records for Dept. of Water Quality. Eric Bunker posed a question at the Training regarding Private applicator licenses. He asked if these licenses could be used on your own farm over your kids spraying, and they said that the rules state that only a private applicator license covers you supervising someone, not a non-commercial/commercial, which seems like a catch-22, so we will want to clarify so we are not breaking rules. Jerry Caldwell will be inviting Aleisha Baker to the next training to help make sure supervisors are all on the same page and understand everything. 2024 calendars are in, we just need to figure out a time to go pick them up. We have a new hire, Porter Cox, so we should be up to full staff again on the Weed crew for this season.

Budget Review	We were approved for the same budget totals that we received last year. – Public Notices - \$1,000 – Travel - \$2,500 – CWMA travel - \$700 – Office supply - \$100 – Equipment and supply - \$10,000 – Fuel - \$5,000 – Weed board - \$350 (Christmas party) – Operating lease - \$1,300 (IT - computers and printers) – Vehicle maintenance - \$200 – Vehicle replacement went from \$6,000 to \$54,000 – Amanda explained that the County is tracking vehicles and once they hit a certain year or mileage, vehicles are up for trade ins, and this is the dollar amount that was came up so that once it is time for a trade in on the Weed Dept. fleet, there will be enough money in the account to replace them. – Special dept. supply - \$40,000 (chemical budget) – Fogger supply - \$1,800 Eric Bunker asked if these numbers have been working out for us, and Quintin confirmed yes, we haven't had issues with not having enough money. Steve Smith asked if the totals carry over if they aren't used. Quintin said that it just gets put back into the general fund and we start fresh each year. Eric asked if we could re-allocate the totals, and Quintin confirmed that yes, if we need to move the money around, that is something that we can request. Edd Sabey made a motion to approve the tentative budget and take it to the Council, seconded by George Muir.
Follow Ups from Last Meeting	Wesley Crump talked to residents at Swaner Preserve and Eco Center, they want a better understanding of the weed populations that they have on their reserve, so he is going to have a standalone demonstration and have Shawn Barstow, a drone specialist, to do an introductory demo. Steve Smith suggested to have Edd Sabey talk to his friend that does the Drone spraying and see what kind of red tape he had to go thru to see what options could be for us.
Committee Concerns, Updates and Issues	Quintin mentioned the Wilbur Ellis training. Eric Bunker said that this training has a lot of CEU's, so it would be a good one to attend, we just need to figure out how to attend without having accounts with them. Pat Brown is retiring so this will be his last training. Eric asked about what kind of seed we use to reseed areas. Amanda will bring the custom mix ingredient description to next meeting to be able to share. Steve Smith asked what it would take for livestock owners in County and Forest to be partners with us in controlling invasive weeds with their livestock, and asked the Board to come up with ideas and input.

	Wesley asked if there was any incentives for the owners to want to do this, and Steve said that in some grazing agreements they could give them a longer grazing season for incentive. Steve said he is waiting to hear back from Dano in regards to the survey.
Next Meeting / Meeting Adjourned	Next meeting will be replaced with our Christmas luncheon on December 13th, 1:00 pm at Soldier Hollow. Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Edd Sabey.