

**MINUTES OF WEED BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 BEGINNING
AT 6:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM #1 IN DUCHESNE, UTAH**

Present

Weed Department Supervisor Mike Cardon; Duchesne County Weed Dept. Employee Braxton Spencer; Board Members Rodger Ames, Melissa Hughes, Kim Harding, Jim Young, Ryan Harrison, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Deputy Treasurer Connie Sweat taking minutes of the meeting.

Welcome

Welcome by Rodger Ames.

Consideration of Minutes From March 27, 2023

Motion to approve by Melissa Hughes, second by Ryan Harrison. All in favor.

Update on New Weed Department Building

Decided to put cement under the awning and in the back area. Will need to put a waterway (gutter) to direct the water to a ponding area on the northwest side away from the building. The Road Department will be building up the front area and Burdick Materials will be paving next month.

(Ryan Harrison stepped out at 6:03 p.m.)

Commissioner Killian stated the East 20 feet, back 80 feet, and front areas will be paved. The West side will be zeroscaped. Strata has run the phone line in to the building, the box will be located in the upper part of the office. Commissioner Killian also stated cost for the new building has doubled, a lot of that cost was utilities. A road crossing was made and had to avoid a lot of oil lines in the area too.

Discussion of Russian Olive Removal Projects for This Winter and Prior Projects

Finishing up on the bus routes, and checking the routes from last year, they look amazing with hardly any re-growth.

(Kim Harding entered at 6:06 p.m.)

They will be working on the bus routes on the Myton Bench, Ioka Lane, and Ravola Dugway.

(Ryan Harrison entered at 6:08 p.m.)

There are piles to be burnt near Craig Stansfield's place. Ryan suggested identifying the bus routes in Arcadia as well.

Discussion about willows at 6000 South and 12000 West, they obstruct the traffic line of sight. Some of the willows on Tribal leases are 20 feet tall. Jim Young will contact Tyler Lamb as he thinks he has the current lease. Rodger Ames suggested Mike contact the Road Dept. to take a trackhoe in to remove the trees. Mike will also contact Ben Dunsmore and Aaron Abbott about list of Tribal leases in the area.

Discussion of Diffuse Knapweed

An area of Diffuse Knapweed has been located near the ponds on Lynn Taylor's property in Talmage. It has been sprayed and two different biologicals have been released.

Spotted Knapweed has also been identified on the forest, near the bottom of Bear Wallow. Mike has contacted the Forest Service as this is not on a County road. He will follow up.

Biological Control Progress, New and Existing Biologicals

The 'Bug Lady' came out and checked cages, both the Seed Head Weevil and Stem

Wasps have taken on the Moon property near the Duchesne River, also on the Giles property in Fruitland. Once established they will never leave and can travel up to 20 miles. Ryan Harrison asked 'how much control will they eventually provide?'

Some discussion about a biological for Russian Olive trees, three to five years out. It's in the testing phase to make sure it won't attack something else.

Road R-O-W's to Address This Fall

Continued work on the Russian Olive trees between 15000 and 16000 West on 7000 North. Willows on the North side of the road at the intersection of 6000 N and 15000 West. Mike stated they had sprayed along Hwy 35, UDOT needs to go in and mulch now.

Kim Harding suggested offering to take out extra trees and have landowner fix their own fences. Puts the burden back on the landowner. Some areas the trees have been cut off at the top of the fence and then sprayed, hasn't been much re-growth.

Discussion about the Corey Walker property. Mike to monitor situation as there wasn't any response to the certified letters that were sent or response to the Code Enforcement Officer.

Discussion of New Truck Purchase

Would like to get a new road truck as they one currently in service is a 2003 Isuzu with upwards of 95,000 miles. More concerned about the engine than the mileage, they usually only putt along about 4 miles an hour, that's hard on an engine. Discussion about the wheel base requirements for the spray equipment.

Murray Motors has a used 3500 diesel with 21,000 miles, asking \$67,500. This truck would be used to haul equipment.

Discussion about the trucks and the need for them. The Board said ultimately the decision is up to the Commissioners and the allowed budget.

Comments & Concerns

None.

Adjourn

Ryan Harrison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

Board Members Ryan Harrison & Kim Harding went with Supervisor Cardon to tour the almost complete Weed Dept. Building.

Read and approved this 7th day of March 2024.


Mike Cardon
Weed Supervisor


Rodger Ames
Chairman

Minutes of meeting prepared by Connie Sweat 