

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

APPROVED
8/14/2024

July 10, 2024 @ 1:00PM

Topic	Discussion
Attendance	Steve Farrell—County Council Laurie Backus—Weed Board Chairman Quintin Lewis—Weed Dept. Head Edd Sabey—Weed Board George Muir—Weed Board Eric Bunker—Weed Board Steve Smith—Weed Board Travis Price— Heber City Code Enforcement Josh Weishar—Heber City Code Enforcement Amanda Simpson—Wasatch County Public Works Office
Welcome and Review of Minutes	The May 15, 2024 Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Edd Sabey.
Weed Grant Updates	Quintin Lewis: <u>Forest Contract</u> (goes thru 2026) We have started working in these areas for this contract, which include Mill Hollow and Soap Stone. <u>Weed Supervisor</u> (\$10,000) This project will be finished out this season by end of September. Last thing left to do is the seeding.
Updates on CWMA	Quintin Lewis: <u>Equipment status</u> Acres sprayed: 3,869 acres Hours turned in: 5,212 hours 2,4-D: 333 gallons Milestone: 41 quarts Duracore: 5 gallons Trailer rental: 165 days Backpack rental: 309 days <u>Spray Dates:</u> Derek Murdock was able to add these dates to the Dedicated Hunters sign up site and the roster did fill up in time.

	-Dutch Hollow 5/18/24: 16 Dedicated Hunters + 4 county workers for a total of 20. -Dutch Hollow 6/6/24: 18 Dedicated Hunters + 4 from State Park + 3 county workers for a total of 25. -Soldier Hollow 6/4/24: 7 Dedicated Hunters + 1 from Soldier Hollow + 4 county workers for a total of 12. -Mill B 6/22/24: 31 Dedicated Hunters + 3 from Forest Service + 3 county workers for a total of 37. -Squaw Creek 6/18/24: 15 Dedicated Hunters + 3 from the Forest + 3 county workers for a total of 21. <u>Notices:</u> 121 Noxious Weed Notices have been sent out. <u>Biocontrol:</u> We have received the Canada Thistle bugs and have more ordered. They will reach out when they are ready for pick up. <u>Weed Supervisor training:</u> Weed Supervisor training took place June 26 and June 27. In Ephraim they did a tour of the Great Basin Seed Lab and showed how they collect and process seeds. The following day they talked about Common bugloss (not a noxious weed on the list), Viper bugloss (that is a listed noxious weed), and Squarrose Knapweed. Cory Ranson talked about label changes, Roundup in particular, as it no longer contains Glyphosate. Robert Huggaard with Dept. of Agriculture talked about aquatic weeds that they want to add to the noxious list.
Heber City request for herbicide for notified residents in financial hardship	Josh Weishar talked about trying to enforce weed control within the city. He said sometimes they run into people who state they do not have the means to take care of the weeds and so wondering if it would be an option to get some herbicide from the County for the Heber City Police Department to be able to distribute to the community. Steve Farrell said that the best we could do would be to get them a list of our Vendors we use for the herbicide and then they can purchase it on their own so as not to run into issue of the County acting as a vendor. Travis Price asked if the residents were paying taxes for the County to be able to purchase the chemical already, and Laurie Backus explained that the money actually came from Grants rather than taxes. Josh asked if they could jump in and be a part of that Grants. Quintin explained the grants that they are putting in for are partnered with entities such as the Forest, places that have high priority weeds because that is who is being granted the awards.

	Josh talked about a problem they have been running in to are lots where the landowners are out of state, so then these out of staters have to find someone local to help them take care of their weed issue and by the time this turn around takes place the weeds have seeded. Farrel asked if there was a weed ordinance that spelled out how if they did not take care of it, they could attach that cost to their property taxes. Josh said that no, but they do have progressive citations that they issue. Farrell suggested for them to get a weed ordinance in place and enforced as well as Weed Bonds for new developments.
Social Media Updates: Laurie Backus and Amanda Simpson	Laurie Backus informed about how our first social media post was published back in May, and another post was sent in to have published for today on thistle. She said she would go thru and pick and choose what ones to post thru ought the rest of the year. Josh Weishar said if we sent him the posts, they could post the info on their page as well.
Follow Ups from Last Meeting/ Committee Concerns, Updates and Issues	Steve Smith came across a couple articles. He said how he read one that explained how it is possible to graze cattle without fences and herders. He went on to explain how Bob Kingsford said the key is a low stress method for the cattle and instilling herd instinct. The other article he talked about was a technique Fremont County, ID uses with Drones. Biggest drone that is mentioned in this article that was used was a 10-gallon drone. They spray on County areas as well as on the Forest. Steve called and talked to the ones over the drones learning that they have had to make repairs from crashes but have never had one completely destroyed. They told him that to purchase one, they start at about \$15,999 and go up from there. He learned that the batteries last 10 to 12 minutes then need recharged when the tanks are full. He said the drones treat around 6,000 acres a year. He said the drones also besides spraying chemical they can spread seed.
Next Meeting / Meeting Adjourned	Next meeting is scheduled for August 14th, 2024. A motion to adjourn was made by Edd Sabey, seconded by George Muir.